

## Ranked Choice Voting for Presidential Primaries

**Whereas** we value primary elections that make best use of every vote cast and that are resilient to changes in the candidate field; and

**Whereas** 25% of Washington State's Democratic presidential primary voters effectively "wasted" their vote in 2020, because they cast their ballot for a candidate who dropped out of the race before Election Day<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas** Washington State had the highest rate of "wasted" votes in the nation; and

**Whereas** Ranked Choice Voting solves this problem of wasted votes by allowing voters to list their backup choice in case their first choice drops out or doesn't reach the threshold for allocating delegates; and

**Whereas** the Democratic National Committee approved every Ranked Choice Voting delegate selection plan submitted in the most recent presidential cycle, and Maine is compelled by state law to use Ranked Choice Voting in their 2028 state-run presidential primary;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Legislative Action Committee advocate for the passage of legislation to allow voters to rank their choices in the presidential primary; and

**Therefore, be it further resolved** that the 45th District Democrats' delegates advocate with the Washington State Democratic party to incorporate ranked choice voting in delegate selection; and

**Therefore, be it further resolved** that the 45th District Democrats call on our Washington state representatives to support the passage of legislation to allow voters to rank their choices in the presidential primary; and

**Therefore, be it finally resolved** that a physical and digital copy of this resolution will be forwarded to our Washington state representatives.

Adopted by the 45th District Democrats on \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed by Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> [https://fairvote.org/early\\_votes\\_in\\_washington\\_were\\_more\\_likely\\_to\\_be\\_wasted/](https://fairvote.org/early_votes_in_washington_were_more_likely_to_be_wasted/)