

# Rank MI Vote Ballot Petition Overview



## The Problem

We yearn for a more responsive politics, yet our power is diluted as more candidates enter a race: a third candidate entering a race may result in a politician winning with only 34% of the vote. This leads to fewer choices for us while giving more power to the political insiders who manipulate the system. **It's time to give power back to us, the voters.**

## The Solution: Ranked Choice Voting!

### How Ranked Choice Voting Works:

- We as voters have the *option* to rank candidates *in order of preference*. First, second, third, and so on, as shown:
- If no candidate gets more than 50% support from first choices, the candidate with the lowest support is eliminated, and those votes automatically count for their *next* choice.
- The process repeats until a candidate wins with more than 50% of the vote.

Easy voting	My Choices		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Candidate A	●	●	●
Candidate B	●	●	●
Candidate C	●	●	●

### Ranked Choice Voting Empowers Voters:

- **Voters are free to vote their candidates.** We're not pressured to restrict our vote to only 2 candidates.
- **Encourages a diverse slate of candidates.** Candidates can freely run without worrying about splitting votes.
- **Ensures winners have 50%+ voter support.** Similar candidates splitting votes doesn't lead to a <50% winner.
- **Builds a more representative republic.** Winners better represent our demographics and perspectives.
- **Increases accountability to us, the voters.** Candidates win by building coalitions and on policy, not division.
- **Incentivizes positive campaigning.** Finding common ground works better for candidates than negative ads.

## Policy Overview

### Enact Ranked Choice Voting For:

- Major Party Primaries (President, Governor, U.S. House and Senate).
- General Elections (Above, plus Attorney General and Secretary of State).
- Straight-ticket voting (Voters can rank parties, and they carry down the ballot).
- Allow expansion through local adoption and state legislature.

### In addition, the proposal guarantees:

- We're informed of any important updates to how or where we vote.
- Voters who are in line at the time of poll closure can cast their ballots.
- The right to use paper ballots in all elections.
- Primaries are moved from August to June or earlier.



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