



# 2026 Ballot Initiative

## Repeal of Ranked Choice Voting

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**Ballot Measure 2 will do only one thing:**

**Repeal 19AKBE from 2020**

Repeals Ranked Choice Voting

Restores Open-to-Undeclared Primaries

Returns to Pre-2020 Campaign Finance Laws

**Why **Repeal** Ranked  
Choice Voting?**



# Exhausted Ballots

**Three Easy Ways to Get Your Ballot Trashed:**

Vote Your Conscience

Get Tired of Ranking

Make a Mistake on a  
Bubble Sheet with  
60+ Choices

# Voter Fatigue & Confusion Follow

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# One-Person, One-Vote

**This has been the bedrock of the  
American Republic for 250 years**

Ranked Choice Voting electronically  
tabulates multiple rounds of voting

Each round is a new vote

This means: one person, many votes



# Increased Irregularities

Alameda County had a tabulating error that resulted in the **first place finisher coming in third**.  
Only caught two months later.

NYC Mayoral race **accidentally**  
included 135,000 “test ballots”  
in their posted results.

Maine CD 2 had a “**technical snafu**” that  
led to two memory sticks which recorded  
16,000 ballots being corrupted.

# Unrepresentative Results

In the 10-person race in Portland, Maine, one of the eventual winners only had **4% of the vote** on the initial ballot. Two of the top-four vote getters eventually lost.

In Maine CD 2, one candidate was leading by over 1200 votes and lost only after **8,253 ballots were thrown out.**

In San Francisco, the winner of an election only had **12% of the vote** in round one. They won only after a staggering 20 rounds of voting.





# Ranked Choice Voting

## Not Representative Democracy

In the 2022 special election, nearly **15,000 Alaskan votes were thrown out** before Mary Peltola was declared the winner.

Despite 60% of voters casting a ballot for a member of a different party in the first round, **Peltola won by 5,129** – after votes were trashed and redistributed in subsequent rounds.

**11,000** votes were trashed in the second round alone.



# Results Take Too Long & Create Distrust

Alaska's results already took a **painfully-long** time to tabulate. Ranked choice voting made it even worse.

The process is **so complex** that full human hand counts are impossible. You turn your entire voting system over to a computer algorithm and cross your fingers a programmer got it right.



**Banned in 19 States and Counting**

They understand; If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

# Ranked Choice Voting **Fails** to Deliver

Trashes Ballots

Confuses Voters

Sneaky Irregularities

Unrepresentative Results

Results Take Even Longer

Results Can't Be Hand-Checked

Undermines One-Person, One-Vote

# **Open-to-Unaffiliated Primaries**

# Confronting the Myth

Repealing 19AKBE will **NOT** result in “Closed” primaries

# **The US Supreme Court defined “Closed Primary” in California Democratic Party v Jones (2000)**

A primary “in which only a political party’s members can vote on its nominees.”



# The Bipartisan Policy Center

Alaskan primaries as far back as they tracked are categorized as **“Open to Unaffiliated”** voters.

After repeal, Alaska will return to  
Open-to-Unaffiliated primaries.

# Bipartisan Policy Center Definitions

| Primary Grouping | Primary Type         | Description                                                                                                                             |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nonpartisan      | Blanket              | All candidates appear on one ballot, top vote-getter from each party advances                                                           |
|                  | Top-four             | All candidates appear on one ballot, top four vote-getters advance                                                                      |
|                  | Top-two              | All candidates appear on one ballot, top two vote-getters advance                                                                       |
|                  | Jungle               | All candidates appear on one ballot, top two vote-getters advance; if a candidate wins a simple majority of votes, he or she is elected |
| Open             | Open                 | Voters pick which party's ballot to vote                                                                                                |
|                  | Partially open       | Voters pick which party's ballot to vote, but this may be public and count as registration with the party                               |
|                  | Open to unaffiliated | Unaffiliated voters pick which party's ballot to vote, but affiliated voters can only vote using their party's ballot                   |
| Closed           | Closed               | Only party members can vote for their party                                                                                             |

# **Bipartisan Policy Center **Praise** for Open-to-Unaffiliated and Nonpartisan Primaries**

*“It has been proposed that more open and nonpartisan primaries can help increase voter turnout and facilitate a more representative electorate.”*

*“More open and nonpartisan primaries do not just make it easier for unaffiliated voters to participate - under these circumstances, voters actually do participate at higher rates in a way that better reflects the general electorate.”*

# Disclosure Rules

Incumbent Protection

Dark Money Still Flows

# Disclosure Rules are **Burdensome** for Small Campaigns

Candidates who represent Alaska's grassroots or any small-dollar campaign get flooded with pages of regulations and potential fines.

Big money campaigns with teams of lawyers and accountants funded by lower 48 dark money get by just fine.

Try to be compliant, still get a complaint.

# Out-of-State Dark Money Keeps Flowing

When you have **\$15 million** in out-of-state dark money flowing into Alaska, the money overwhelms any disclaimer.

Meanwhile, smaller in-state candidates and organizations need to spend up to **1/3 of their advertising dollars** on space for a long disclaimer - as well as the heavy compliance costs.

A group of seven diverse individuals, including men and women of various ethnicities, are shown from the chest up. They are wearing winter attire such as jackets, hats, and scarves. The background is a plain, light gray. The image is used as a backdrop for text.

# Whose Interests are Being Protected?

**Answer:** Incumbents running sophisticated  
out-of-state dark money schemes.

**NOT Alaskan voters.**





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**YES YES YES!**  
**END RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

**Thank you.**

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