



Legislative History of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

Since 2001, numerous bills designed to implement ranked-choice voting have been introduced in Maine's state legislature. None of the proposed bills were passed into law, which caused the number of bills subsequently introduced to swell. Listed below are all the bills related to ranked-choice voting that been introduced in the Maine state legislature.

2016 - LD 1557, An Act To Establish Ranked-Choice Voting

Required the use of ranked choice voting when electing the offices of Untied States Senator, United States Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator, State Representative, and any nominations in a primary to said offices in Maine. Initiated bill.

Indefinitely postponed. Question goes to ballot.

2013 - LD 518, An Act To Establish Ranked-Choice Voting in the State

Required the use of ranked choice voting when electing the offices of Untied States Senator, United States Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator, and State Representative in Maine.

Majority Ought Not to Pass report accepted.

2013 -LD 860, An Act To Require That the Governor, Senators and Members of the House of Representatives Be Elected by the Ranked-Choice Voting Method

Required the use ranked choice voting when electing the offices of Governor, State Senator, and State Representative in Maine. Sent the question to statewide referendum.

Voted Ought Not to Pass in committee.

2011- LD 1126, An Act To Require That the Governor Be Elected by the Ranked-Choice Voting Method

Designed to require the use of ranked-choice voting in gubernatorial elections. Sent the question to statewide referendum.

Majority Ought Not to Pass report accepted.

2009 - LD 1344, Resolve to Authorize a Pilot Project on Ranked Choice Voting

Established a two-year pilot project surrounding the ranked choice voting method, to determine winners in ten single-seat

municipal elections with three or more candidates.

Indefinitely postponed.

2007 - LD 585, An Act to Establish Instant Run-off Voting for Gubernatorial Races

Required the use of instant run-off voting in Gubernatorial elections starting in 2014.

Voted Ought Not to Pass in Committee.

2005 - LD 265, An Act to Establish Instant Run-off Voting

Required the use of instant run-off voting when electing the offices of President, Vice-President, Untied States Senator, United States Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator, and State Representative in Maine.

Voted Ought Not to Pass in Committee.

2003 - LD 212, Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Study the Feasibility of Instant Run-off Voting

Required the Secretary of State to issue a report in January, 2005, including summary of existing instant run-off voting systems in the United States and other nations, the benefits and drawbacks of instant run-off voting, the feasibility of implementing such a system in Maine, and any federal resources that may be available to fund the implementation of instant run-off voting in the State.

Passed and signed into law.

2001 - LD 1714, An Act Relating to the Election of Candidates by the Instant Runoff Voting Method

Equires the use of instant run-off voting when electing the offices of President, Vice-President, Untied States Senator, United States Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator, and State Representative in Maine.

Voted Ought Not to Pass in committee.