

Opposition to [HF 2486](#)

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposals for Ranked Choice Voting; HF 2486, in Minnesota.

I do not consent to and I am in complete opposition to Ranked Choice Voting in Minnesota. I live in Bloomington, MN and we have used RCV once. It was a disaster and the city employees responsible for holding elections have already brought revisions to the table at the February 27th, 2023 Bloomington city council meeting in preparation for upcoming elections. You can hear remarks on proposed changes at the 2:11:47 minute mark. The remarks made prove there are many aspects to RCV that make it difficult to implement.
<https://youtu.be/e8Hzdsi6EnY>

Also, are you aware that the city of Bloomington is in a legal battle with its constituents over ranked choice voting? The constituents do not want it.

Furthermore, I have heard over and over how safe and fair our election process is, here in MN. So I beg you to tell me why we should change a system that is so highly regarded as 100% safe and fair with no election meddling happening. Why would our elected officials ever want to change such a perfect process? It doesn't add up or make any sense to switch to a new system if this is true.

Ranked choice voting will lock counties into using electronic tabulating equipment. This in turn creates a problem with open and fair vote counts and audits by the people. RCV is prone to ballot errors and other technical issues that could undermine the integrity of our electoral system. These errors lead to confusion and uncertainty about the outcome of elections, which have serious implications for public trust in the democratic process.

RCV is not actually voting. It is ranking your choices. If most people have John Doe as their #2 and he gets more votes than any #1 ranked candidate, #2 could win. This is not voting. [The American Experiment](#) spells it out in a comprehensive way.

Be advised, you are not creating a democracy with this bill. You will be creating a very complicated system that no one will be able to decipher. Most Bloomington constituents do not understand or know how RCV works, and this system should not be open to all of MN. RCV would likely reduce voter turnout and participation. The complexity of the system could discourage voters who may not fully understand how RCV works, leading to lower voter engagement and representation.

In addition, RCV would likely favor well-funded candidates and incumbents over new and outsider candidates, and would be a costly and time-consuming process to implement, both for our state government and for local election officials.

Our vote is our voice. If you take that away, we are no longer the United States of America.

I ask that you vote against this bill and in favor of preserving our country's way of voting.

I do not consent to [HF 2486](#).

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