



## Legislative Council Staff

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# Initiative 201

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# Fiscal Impact Statement

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**LCS TITLE: PROHIBIT RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

## Summary of Measure

The measure prohibits ranked-choice voting in state and local elections. Ranked-choice voting allows voters to rank candidates for public office in order of preference, and then counts votes in multiple rounds until a single candidate wins.

## State Expenditures

The both increases and decreases costs for the Department of State (DOS). Initially, there will be an increase in workload to update election and ballot rules, and then a decrease in costs for voting system licenses needed for machines capable of ranked choice voting. DOS may also need staff time to update rules involving ranked choice elections, which is allowed under current law for certain municipal elections.

## Local Government

Local governments, including municipalities conducting their own ranked choice voting election or counties conducting an election featuring ranked choice voting for municipal races, may incur costs to change their voting systems, ballots, and voter guides. Other municipalities and counties where ranked choice voting is not used will continue to use their current systems and have no additional cost to comply with this measure.

## Effective Date

If approved by voters at the 2024 general election, this measure takes effect upon proclamation of the Governor, no later than 30 days after the official canvass of the vote is completed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

County Clerks

Secretary of State