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ALASKA STYLE ELECTIONS

4/28/2022

PETERSBURG ASSEMBLY

ALASKA'S NEW ELECTION LAWS



- **WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW**
- **THE TWO BIG CHANGES**
- **YOU CAN HELP**

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

IMPLEMENT → **EDUCATION**

HOW WILL THIS BE DONE?

IMPLEMENT

- Software upgrade
- Regulations: drafted and public comment
- New tabulators purchased
- Working with Dept of Law

HOW WILL THIS BE DONE?

EDUCATION

- Entirely non-partisan
- Interactive and broad outreach
- Community events and presentations
- Dozens of organizations / Hundreds of individuals



BIG CHANGES

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A stylized, light blue map of Alaska is centered in the background against a dark blue gradient. The map shows the state's outline, including the Aleutian Islands and the Alaska Peninsula.

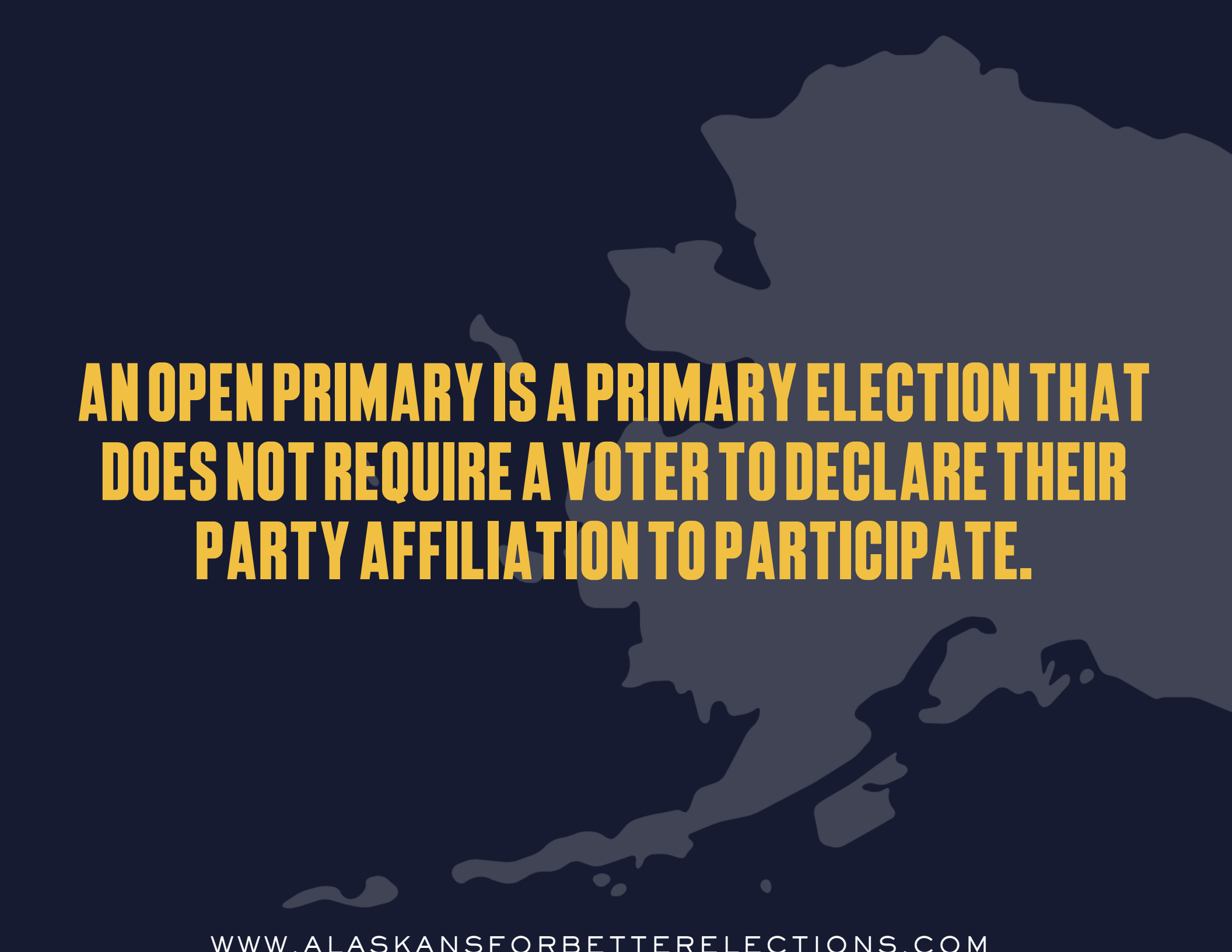
CHANGE #1

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OPEN PRIMARIES

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**AN OPEN PRIMARY IS A PRIMARY ELECTION THAT
DOES NOT REQUIRE A VOTER TO DECLARE THEIR
PARTY AFFILIATION TO PARTICIPATE.**

SAMPLE PRIMARY BALLOT



STATE OF ALASKA
 DEMONSTRATION BALLOT
 August 17, 2021
 Primary Election

House District 1

If you make a mistake, you can ask for a new ballot

Instructions: To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, ● like this.

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United States Senator (vote for one)	State Senator District A (vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> Heather Olson (Reg. Libertarian) <input type="radio"/> Chick Hicks (Reg. Republican) <input type="radio"/> Naomi Jackson (Nonpartisan) <input type="radio"/> Brent Mustangburger (Reg. Democrat) <input type="radio"/> Tiffany Strait (Reg. AK Indep)	<input type="radio"/> Lucius Best (Reg. Democrat) <input type="radio"/> Finn McMissle (Reg. Democrat) <input type="radio"/> Abominable Snowman (Reg. Republican)
United States Representative (vote for one)	State Representative District 1 (vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> Duke Caboom (Reg. Democrat) <input type="radio"/> Bob Gunderson (Reg. Republican) <input type="radio"/> Buzz Lightyear (Reg. Republican) <input type="radio"/> Cal Weathers (Nonpartisan) <input type="radio"/> Action Jackson (Undeclared)	<input type="radio"/> Crystal Du Bois (Reg. Republican) <input type="radio"/> Edna Mode (Reg. Democrat) <input type="radio"/> Dirk Pratt (Reg. Republican) <input type="radio"/> Elena Rivera (Reg. AK Indep)
Governor / Lieutenant Governor (vote for one)	BALLOT MEASURE NO.1 21TEST
<input type="radio"/> Claire Wheeler (Reg. Democrat) / Dirk Pratt (Reg. Democrat) <input type="radio"/> Elena Rivera (Undeclared) / Jackson Storm (Undeclared) <input type="radio"/> Augustus "Spike" Jones (Reg. Republican) / Buddy Pine (Reg. Republican) <input type="radio"/> Britney Davis (Reg. Libertarian) / Ellie Fredricksen (Reg. Libertarian) <input type="radio"/> Sherri Squibbles (Nonpartisan) / Rae Mills (Nonpartisan)	This act would allow the State of Alaska, Division of Elections to conduct testing and training on the voting and ballot tabulation system for a Primary Election. Shall this Act be adopted? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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HOW OPEN PRIMARIES WORK

- ALL voters will use the same unified primary ballot where they will select the ONE candidate they like best in each race — regardless of party.
- Top four vote-getters will advance to the general election.



CHANGE #2

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RANKED CHOICE GENERAL ELECTIONS

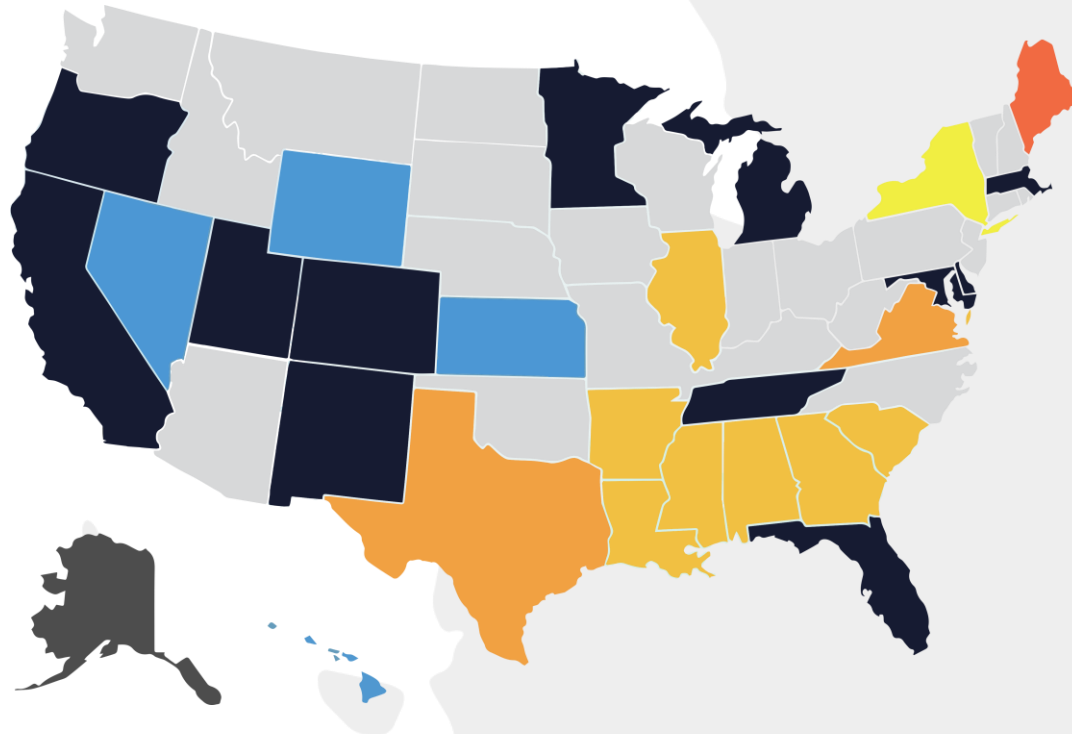
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**RANKED CHOICE VOTING ALLOWS VOTERS TO RANK
CANDIDATES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE.**

**VOTERS CAN RANK AS MANY OR AS FEW CANDIDATES AS
THEY WOULD LIKE.**

WHERE IS RANKED CHOICE VOTING USED?



- Presidential Primaries in 2020
- RCV used for Primaries and special elections
- RCV planned for General Elections in 2022
- RCV used for Statewide/Presidential Primaries
- RCV used for Party Elections
- RCV used for state/federal elections
- Ranked Ballots used for Military & Overseas Voting

SAMPLE GENERAL BALLOT



STATE OF ALASKA
 DEMONSTRATION BALLOT
 November 02, 2021
 General Election

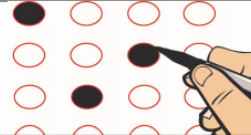
House District 1
 Judicial District 4

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RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Instructions: Vote by ranking candidates of your choice.

- Rank as many or as few candidates as you like
- Completely fill in no more than one oval for each candidate or column
- For your 1st choice, fill in the oval in the 1st choice column
- For your 2nd choice, fill in the oval in the 2nd choice column
- For your 3rd choice, fill in the oval in the 3rd choice column, and so on
- If you make a mistake, you can ask for a new ballot



United States Senator

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Heather Olson (Reg. Libertarian)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chick Hicks (Reg. Republican)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Naomi Jackson (Nonpartisan)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tiffany Strait (Reg. AK Indep)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

United States Representative

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Duke Caboom (Reg. Democrat)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bob Gunderson (Reg. Republican)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buzz Lightyear (Reg. Republican)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cai Weathers (Nonpartisan)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Governor / Lieutenant Governor

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Claire Wheeler (Reg. Democrat) / Dirk Pratt (Reg. Democrat)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elena Rivera (Undeclared) / Jackson Storm (Nonpartisan)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Augustus "Spike" Jones (Reg. Republican) / Buddy Pine (Reg. Republican)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Britney Davis (Reg. Libertarian) / Ellie Fredricksen (Reg. Libertarian)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

State Senator District A

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice
Lucius Best (Reg. Democrat)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Finn McMissle (Reg. Democrat)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Abominable Snowman (Reg. Republican)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

State Representative District 1

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Crystal Du Bois (Reg. Republican)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Edna Mode (Reg. Democrat)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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HOW TO USE YOUR BALLOT!

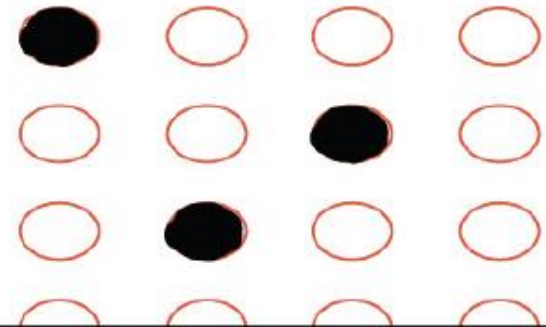
- Step 1: Choose your top candidate. This is your first-choice candidate and will be the vote that is considered first.
- Step 2: If you have a second choice (not required), you may select another candidate. This **must** be different from your first-choice candidate.
- Step 3: If you have a third or fourth choice (not required), you may choose another selection. This **must** be different from your first and second choices.

HOW TO USE YOUR BALLOT!

RANKED CHOICE VOTING

INSTRUCTIONS: VOTE BY RANKING CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE.

- Rank as many or as few candidates as you like
- Completely fill in no more than one oval for each candidate or column
- For your 1st choice, fill in the oval in the 1st choice column
- For your 2nd choice, fill in the oval in the 2nd choice column
- For your 3rd choice, fill in the oval in the 3rd choice column, and
- If you make a mistake, you can ask for a new ballot



United States Senator

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
BEAR (Reg. Republican)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
MOOSE (Reg. Democrat)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
EAGLE (Reg. Republican)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
WHALE (Reg. AK-Independent)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
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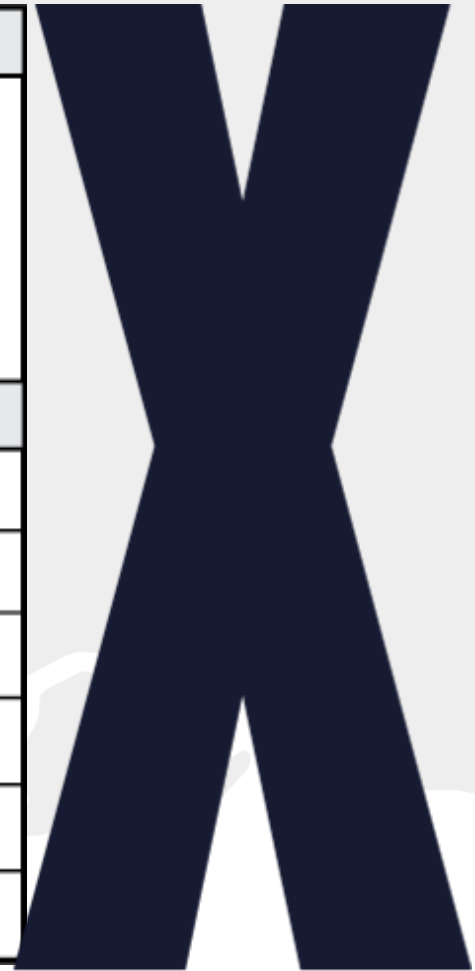
HOW NOT TO USE YOUR BALLOT: DOING THIS IS NOT RECOMMENDED

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RANKED CHOICE VOTING							
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UNITED STATES SENATOR							
	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice		
SUMMER (Graduation Party)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
WINTER (Holiday Party)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>		
SPRING (Surprise Party)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
FALL (Retirement Party)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
Write-In:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		

HOW NOT TO USE YOUR BALLOT: DOING THIS WILL SPOIL YOUR BALLOT

RANKED CHOICE VOTING						
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UNITED STATES SENATOR						
	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	
SUMMER (Graduation Party)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
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SPRING (Surprise Party)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
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HOW NOT TO USE YOUR BALLOT: DOING THIS WILL SPOIL YOUR BALLOT

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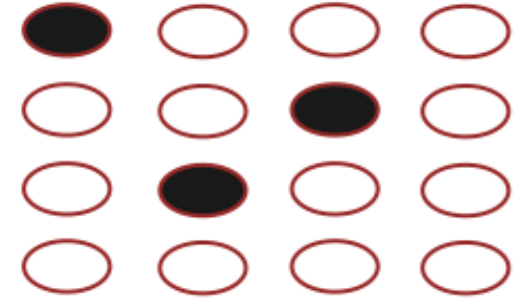
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UNITED STATES SENATOR							
	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice		
SUMMER (Graduation Party)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
WINTER (Holiday Party)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
SPRING (Surprise Party)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
FALL (Retirement Party)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
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HOW VOTES ARE COUNTED

RANKED CHOICE VOTING

INSTRUCTIONS: VOTE BY RANKING CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE

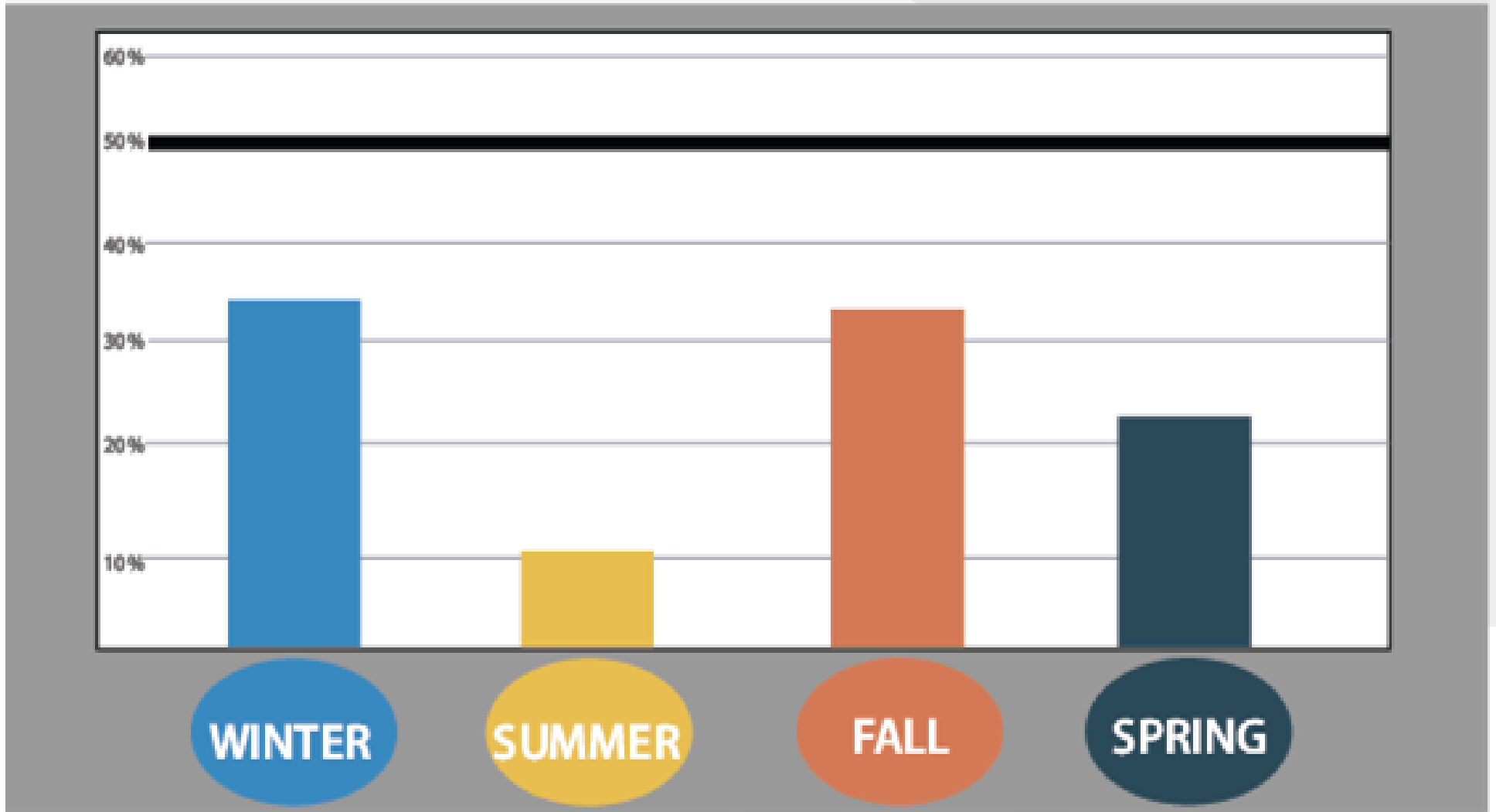
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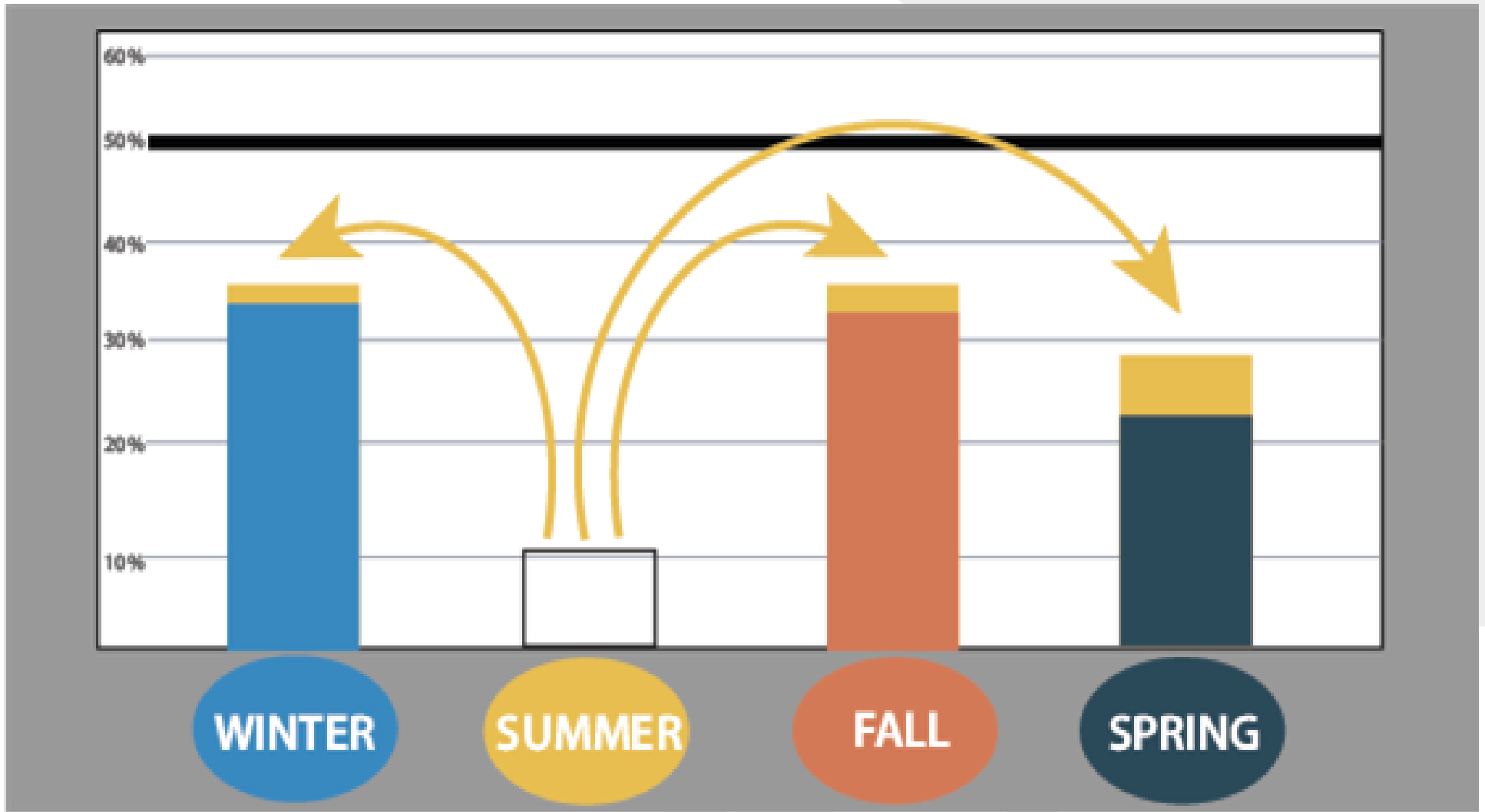
UNITED STATES SENATOR

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
SUMMER (Graduation Party)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
WINTER (Holiday Party)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SPRING (Garden Party)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FALL (Retirement Party)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

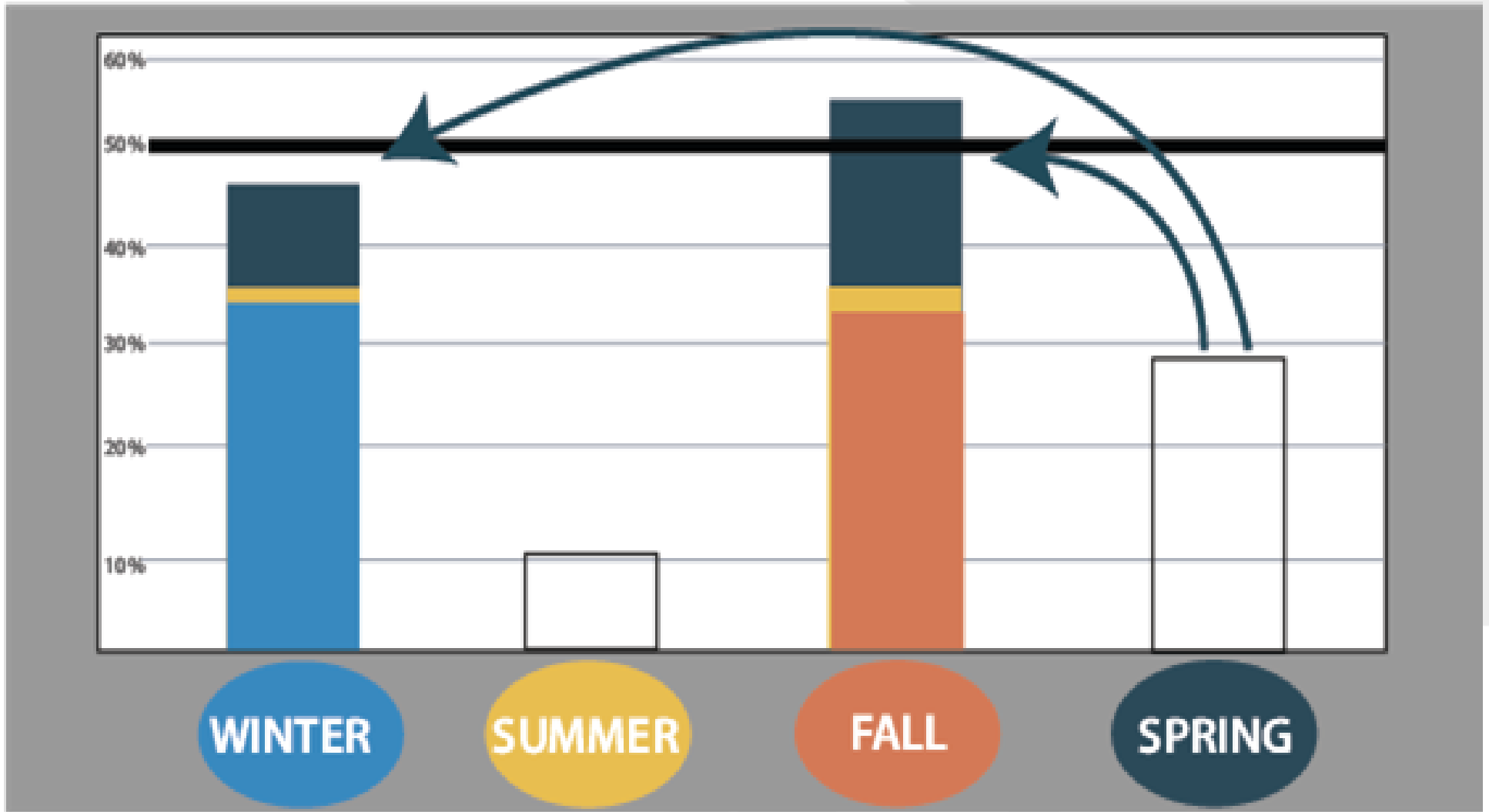
HOW VOTES ARE COUNTED



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HOW VOTES ARE COUNTED

- The official winner will not be declared until all votes are counted including early, election day, affidavit and absentee votes.
- Round by round vote totals will be released to the public.

RCV BENEFITS

- Eliminates the spoiler effect,
- Helps ensure that winners are elected with the support of a true majority of voters.
- Building a winning coalition requires a combination of strong 1st choice support and an ability to find common ground with the supporters of other candidates.

QUICK RECAP

- Alaska's elections are changing in 2022.
- Now is the time to prepare and educate.
- Change #1: Open Primaries
 - Increase participation among all Alaskans
 - All voter receive the same ballot, vote for one candidate
 - Top 4 voter getters move on.
- Change #2: Ranked Choice Voting in General Election.
 - Voter rank as few or as many candidates as they like
 - Winner must get majority support
 - Counting will be transparent

LASTLY

SPECIAL ELECTION UPDATE:

June 11 : Special primary election; by mail

August 16 : Special general for US House using Ranked Choice Voting AND regular primary election

November 8 : Regular election using Ranked Choice Voting



**State of Alaska
Official Ballot
June 11, 2022
Special Primary Election**

Instructions: To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like this: VOTE FOR ONE

Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

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United States Representative
(Vote for one)

<input type="radio"/> Coghill, John B. Jr. - Registered Republican	<input type="radio"/> Pellegrini, Silvio E. - Undeclared
<input type="radio"/> Constant, Christopher S. - Registered Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Peltola, Mary S. - Registered Democrat
<input type="radio"/> Dutchess, Lady Donna - Nonpartisan	<input type="radio"/> Revak, Joshua C. - Registered Republican
<input type="radio"/> Florschutz, Otto H. III - Registered Republican	<input type="radio"/> Sumner, Maxwell - Registered Republican
<input type="radio"/> Foster, Laurel A. - Nonpartisan	<input type="radio"/> Sweeney, Tara M. - Registered Republican
<input type="radio"/> Gibbons, Thomas R. "Tom" - Registered Republican	<input type="radio"/> Thistle, David - Undeclared
<input type="radio"/> Griffin, Karyn - Undeclared	<input type="radio"/> Thomas, Ernest F. - Registered Democrat
<input type="radio"/> Gross, Al - Nonpartisan	<input type="radio"/> Trotter, Richard "Clayton" - Registered Republican
<input type="radio"/> Halcro, Andrew J. - Nonpartisan	<input type="radio"/> Welter, Bradley D. - Registered Republican
<input type="radio"/> Heintz, Ted S. - Nonpartisan	<input type="radio"/> Williams, Jason G. - Undeclared
<input type="radio"/> Hibler, William D. III "Bill" - Nonpartisan	<input type="radio"/> Woodward, Jo - Registered Republican
<input type="radio"/> Howe, John Wayne - Registered AK Indep.	<input type="radio"/> Wool, Adam L. - Registered Democrat
<input type="radio"/> Hughes, David - Undeclared	<input type="radio"/> Wright, Stephen - Registered Republican
<input type="radio"/> Knight, Don - Nonpartisan	<input type="radio"/> Aguayo, Dennis W. "Denny" - Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Lowenfels, Jeff B. - Nonpartisan	<input type="radio"/> Armstrong, Jay R. - Registered Republican
<input type="radio"/> Lyons, Robert "Bob" - Registered Republican	<input type="radio"/> Beal, Brian T. - Undeclared
<input type="radio"/> McCabe, Anne M. - Nonpartisan	<input type="radio"/> Beck, Tim - Undeclared
<input type="radio"/> Melander, Mikel E. - Registered Republican	<input type="radio"/> Begich, Nick - Registered Republican
<input type="radio"/> Mettler, Sherry M. - Undeclared	<input type="radio"/> Brelsford, Gregg B. - Undeclared
<input type="radio"/> Milligan, Mike - Registered Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Brown, Robert - Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Myers, J.R. - Registered Libertarian	<input type="radio"/> Bye, Chris - Registered Libertarian
<input type="radio"/> Notti, Emil - Registered Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Callahan, John T. - Registered Republican
<input type="radio"/> Ornelas, Robert - Registered Am. Indep. Party	<input type="radio"/> Carle, Arlene - Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Palin, Sarah - Registered Republican	<input type="radio"/> Claus, Santa - Undeclared

HOW CAN I HELP?

1. What resources would be best for your family/friends/co-workers/neighbors?
2. Do I have a network that would like a presentation or more information?
3. How can I share the correct information?



THANK YOU

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