

## Frequently Asked Questions for Presentations and Mock Elections

**Q: If I rank four candidates, does that mean I voted four times?**

A: No. Only one vote counts per race. Your 2nd (or later) choice only matters if your 1st choice fails to get enough votes and is eliminated.

**Q: What happens if there's a tie?**

A: It's very unlikely that an RCV election will end in a tie. However, if there's a tie at any step of the process, it will be decided the same as it has been in the past. Alaska law says the tie is resolved "by lot", which means the division's director will flip a coin or draw straws.

**Q: Do I have to rank all of the candidates?**

A: You can rank as many or as few as you want. Ranking additional candidates ensures that you have a voice in choosing your representative, even if that person is not your 1st choice.

**Q: When will we know who wins?**

A: Alaska law allows ballots that are postmarked by Election Day and received within 15 days to be counted. Only 1st choice results will be released until all votes are processed, then reports showing how many votes each candidate had in every round, and how votes were transferred when candidates were eliminated, will be available on the Division of Elections website ([elections.alaska.gov](http://elections.alaska.gov)).

**Q. What offices are elected using Ranked Choice Voting?**

A. President/Vice President, U.S. Senators, U.S. Representative, Governor/Lieutenant Governor, and all state representatives and state senators. The open, pick 1 primary will be used for U.S. Senators, U.S. Representative, Governor/Lieutenant Governor, and all state representatives and state senators, but not for President/Vice President.

For more information:

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