

**APPLICATION FOR INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM PETITION SERIAL NUMBER**

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The undersigned intends to circulate and file an **INITIATIVE** or a **REFERENDUM** (circle the appropriate word) petition and hereby makes application for the issuance of an official serial number to be printed in the lower right-hand corner of each side of each signature sheet of such petition. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 19-111, attached hereto is the full text, in no less than eight point type, of the **MEASURE** or **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (circle appropriate word) intended to be **INITIATED** or **REFERRED** (circle appropriate word) at the next general election.

**SUMMARY:** A description of no more than one hundred words of the principal provisions of the proposed law, constitutional amendment or measure that will appear in no less than eight point type on the face of each petition signature sheet to be circulated.

This initiative aims to make Arizona elections more democratic by instituting ranked-choice voting in races with more than two candidates. This voting method asks voters to rank the candidates in order from the first, most-preferred choice to the least, and can be used for any candidate election. The majority winner of the election is calculated using voter preferences. Although everyone gets just one effective vote, it always counts, regardless of whether a preferred candidate prevails. Due to preferential ranks, no votes are "lost" from one candidate to another, so election results reflect the true wishes of the people.

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OFFICIAL TITLE

AN INITIATIVE MEASURE  
AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES BY  
ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 15; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA CONDORCET  
RANKED VOTING ACT

TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Be it enacted by the People of Arizona:

Sec. 1-1. Short Title

This act may be cited as the "Arizona Condorcet Ranked Voting Act".

Sec. 1-2. Intent of Legislation

This legislation provides for more democratic, open, and fair elections by allowing Arizona's voters to rank their candidate preferences in order, so that ultimately, the candidate most preferred by the majority of citizens is selected, without the substantial costs of runoff elections. This is necessary in an age where politics are dominated by division, and at times, the choices are few.

Sec. 2. Form of Ballot

The ballot shall be substantially in the form established under law, except that, in elections with more than two candidates, it shall be altered by the Secretary of State to read, "Rank all of the following candidates in order of preference, marking 1 for your first choice, 2 for the second, and so on. More than one candidate may not be assigned the same rank. Unranked candidates will be tallied as least-preferred. The winning candidates will be chosen by comparing voter preferences for each candidate to preferences towards every other candidate. The most-preferred candidate in each case will be declared the winner. This ballot entitles you to ONE (1) VOTE; however, your given preference order will be used to tabulate the winner of this election." Beside the name of each candidate for each office will be a box for the rank number. Ballot instructions shall read, "RANK BY MARKING IN THE BOX". For offices where multiple candidates are elected, an additional instruction shall read, "Mark up to [number of positions for election]. Rank these as with other offices, with candidates 1 to [number] being your choices for election." Below the ballot lines for nominated candidates or other candidates with ballot status shall be a line for marking write-in candidates as for other elections, and a box for marking the desired rank.

Sec. 3. Method of Counting for Single-Person Offices

- A. A rank of "1" shall indicate most-preferred, and the lowest possible ranking, or no rank, shall indicate a least-preferred candidate. No ballot marking multiple candidates with the same rank shall be counted, although multiple unranked candidates is permitted.
- B. Using the voter preferences, compare the numbers of voters preferring one candidate over every other in pairs, and mark in each case, the candidate with the greater number of votes (the winner), the candidate with the lesser number of votes, and also indicate ties.

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The results should be tallied using a matrix, with all the candidates listed as column and row headings.

C. After completing the pairwise comparisons, tally the numbers of wins, losses, and ties for each candidate. Declare the candidate with the greatest number of wins, the Condorcet winner (the majority winner of the election).

Sec. 4. Method of Counting for Boards, Commissions, and Other Multiple-Seat Elections  
The method of counting shall be the same as in section (3), except that the appropriate number of top winners shall reflect the winning combination of seats.

Sec. 5. Method for Resolving Ambiguities

A. List the pairwise comparisons for the set of candidates defeating all other candidates not on the list, along with the number of preference votes for the winning candidate in each pairwise comparison.

B. If a smaller list of candidates exists inside the full list, which defeats all candidates not on the smaller list, remove all candidates not on the smaller list, until no such smaller lists remain. The smallest set shall be referred to as the "Schwartz set".

C. Remove the winner of a preference comparison, who received the fewest number of total votes from the Schwartz set, and repeat the process with the new, truncated list, starting at (A).

Sec. 6. Elections in Counties, Cities, and Towns

This law will apply to elections in counties, cities, towns, and other subdivisions, with all duties performed here by state officials, by the respective local officials.

Sec. 7. Publication of Results

The matrix used to display the pairwise comparisons, the tally of pairwise victories, the Schwartz set, and the Condorcet winner or winners of the election(s) shall be published in electronic and print formats for archival and other purposes, and when full results of an election are available, in all the major newspapers in the state.

Sec. 8. Severability

If a provision of this act or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

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