

Ballot Measure LR403 is misleading as written.

There are two main points I object to:

1. **It states that the process continues until a candidate receives a majority of votes.**

This is not accurate. The process continues until a candidate receives a majority of *remaining* votes. Ballots can be exhausted even if a voter uses all available ranks.

See the [Oregon Supreme Court ruling](#) which found the word “majority” to be misleading:

“As set out in the caption of the ballot title for LR 403, the words “Candidate Receiving *Majority of Votes Wins*” **would most readily be understood by voters to mean the majority of votes cast, but that does not accurately describe the measure.** (Emphasis added.) As the parties agree, the word “majority” in the caption does not mean the majority of votes cast; instead, under the ranked-choice voting process set out in LR 403, it means the majority of votes *counted for active candidates* in a final round of tallying. And, **importantly, no accompanying contextual wording appears in the caption to help voters understand that intended meaning.** It follows that the caption does not reasonably identify the subject matter of LR 403 and therefore **requires modification.**”

2. **It does not mention that ballot tallying would be moved from local county officials to a central Secretary of State function.**

This is information that most voters would expect to have clearly explained before they vote on it. Local tallying is an important aspect of election integrity.

As a proponent of better voting methods, I insist that ballot language accurately reflect the critical details of the change being proposed. Voters have a right to be informed on what they are voting on. There are many different ways to vote, and the details matter.

Thank you,
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