



# **RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

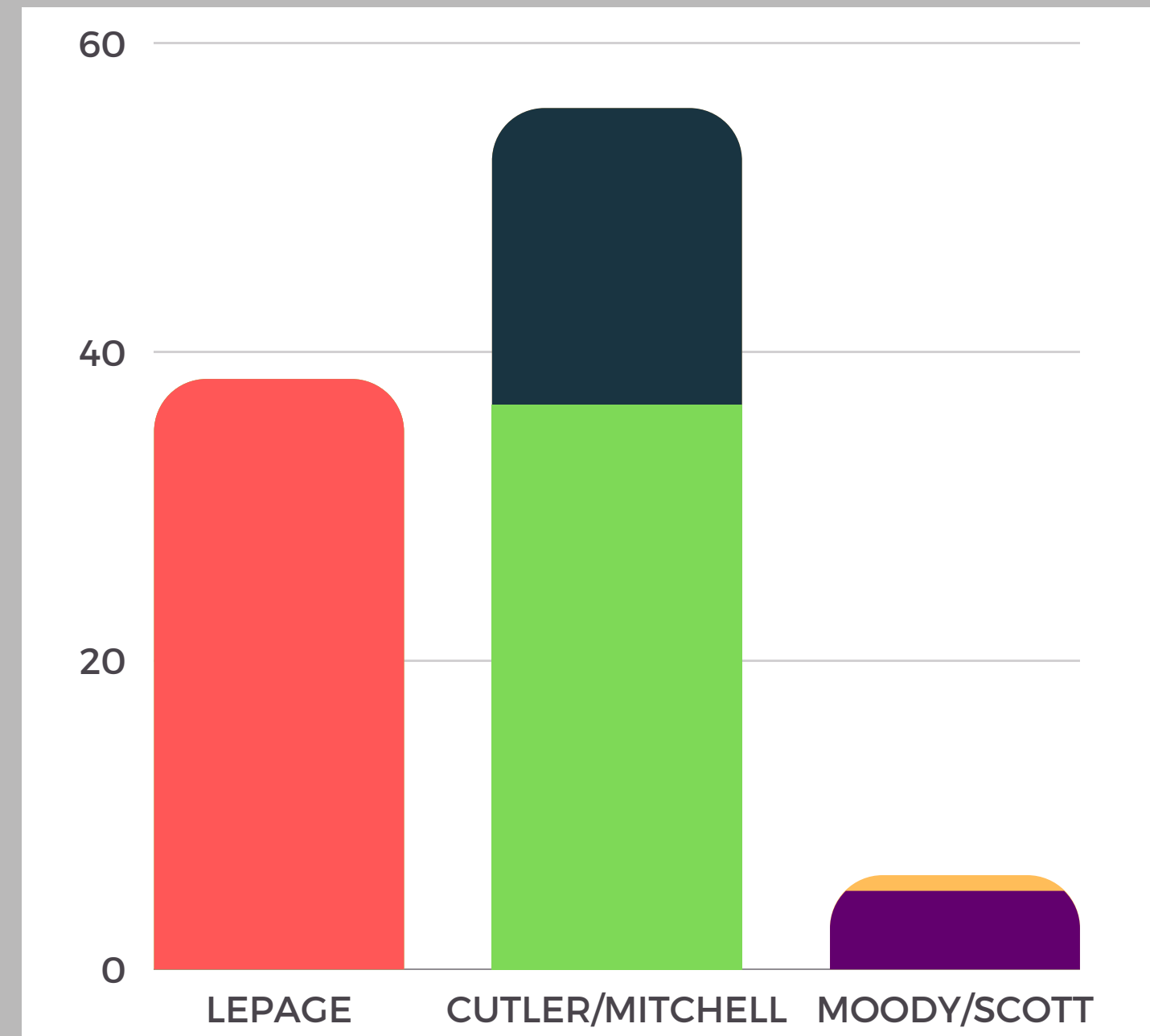
## **MAINE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

# A BRIEF HISTORY

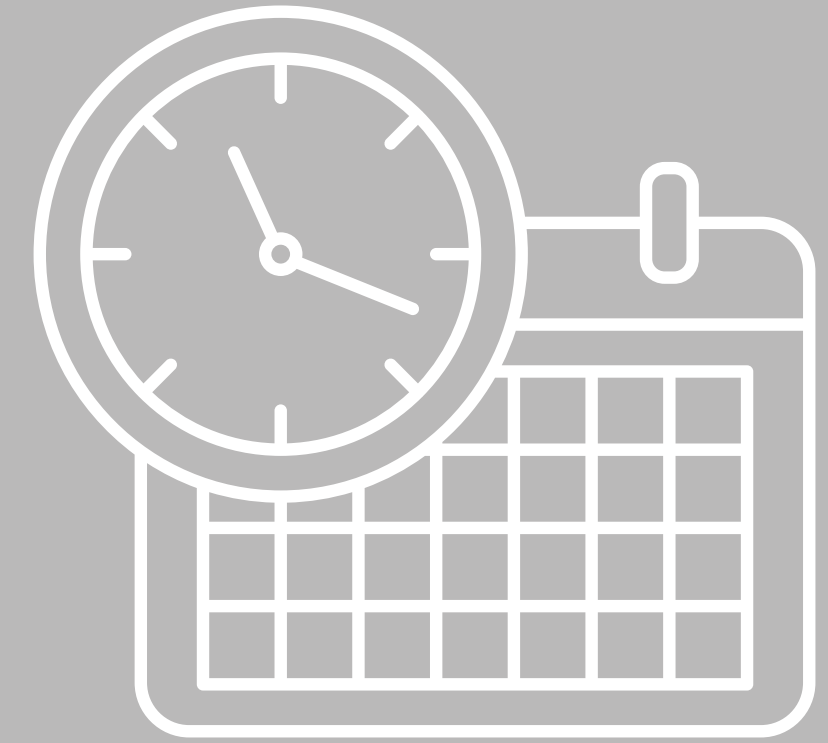
## High Voter Participation

- 2022 - 75% in general election
- 2020 - 78% in general election
- 2018 - 65% in general election
- 2016 - 72% in general election

## 2010 Results



# TIMELINE



**2012**

RCV introduced in the Legislature

**2014**

Governor LePage re-elected in another 3-way race

**2016**

RCV passes as a referendum

**2018**

RCV implemented for the first time on the June Primary ballot

# 2016 BALLOT QUESTION

## “AN ACT TO ESTABLISH RANKED-CHOICE VOTING”

Do you want to allow voters to rank their choices of candidates in elections for U.S. Senate, Congress, Governor, State Senate, and State Representative, and to have ballots counted at the state level in multiple rounds in which last-place candidates are eliminated until a candidate wins by majority?”

**State of Maine Sample Ballot**  
Democratic and Republican Primary Election, June 12, 2018

**Instructions to Voters**

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To rank your candidate choices, fill in the oval:

- In the 1st column for your 1st choice candidate.
- In the 2nd column for your 2nd choice candidate, and so on.

Continue until you have ranked as many or as few candidates as you like.

**Fill in no more than one oval for each candidate or column.**

To rank a write-in candidate, write the person's name in the write-in space and fill in the oval for the ranking of your choice.

Governor	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Cote, Adam Roland Sanford	○	○	○	○	○
Dion, Donna J. Biddeford	○	○	○	○	○
Dion, Mark N. Portland	○	○	○	○	○
Eves, Mark W. North Berwick	○	○	○	○	○
Mills, Janet T. Farmington	○	○	○	○	○
Russell, Diane Marie Portland	○	○	○	○	○
Sweet, Elizabeth A. Hallowell	○	○	○	○	○
Write-in	○	○	○	○	○

Governor	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Fredette, Kenneth Wade Newport	○	○

# 2017



**SOLEMN  
OCCASION  
FROM THE MAINE  
SUPREME COURT  
REQUESTED**



**CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT  
REQUIRING 2/3rds  
SUPPORT  
INTRODUCED**



**SPECIAL  
LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION  
RESULTS IN  
DELAY OF  
IMPLEMENTATION**



# 2018



## PEOPLE'S VETO

**QUESTION 1: Do you want to reject the parts of a new law that would delay the use of ranked-choice voting in the election of candidates for any state or federal office until 2022, and then retain the method only if the constitution is amended by December 1, 2021, to allow ranked-choice voting for candidates in state elections?**

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Dion, Donna J. <small>(Buxton)</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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## JUNE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

# 2018 SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT RACE



**Bruce Poliquin**

**ROUND 1 - 46.33%**



**FINAL ROUND -  
49.4%**



**Jared Golden**

**ROUND 1 - 45.58%**



**FINAL ROUND -  
50.6%**



**Tiffany Bond**

**ROUND 1 - 5.71%**



**Will Hoar**

**ROUND 1 - 2.37%**





**Paul R. LePage**  
@Governor\_LePage



I've signed off on the CD2 election result as it's no longer in federal court. Ranked Choice Voting didn't result in a true majority as promised- simply a plurality measured differently. It didn't keep big money out of politics & didn't result in a more civil election [#mepolitics](#)





# ADDITIONAL IMPACTS

## PORTLAND CHARTER COMMISSION ELECTION



**Steve DiMillo**

**ROUND 1 - 21%  
1,873 1st Place Votes**

**FINAL ROUND -  
2276 1st place  
votes**



**Patricia Washburn**

**ROUND 1 - 4%  
347 1st Place Votes**

**FINAL ROUND -  
3478 1st place  
votes**



# ADDITIONAL IMPACTS





# ONGOING LITIGATION AND UPDATES TO THE LAW

- PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS
- ATTEMPTS AT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
- REGULAR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO REPEAL

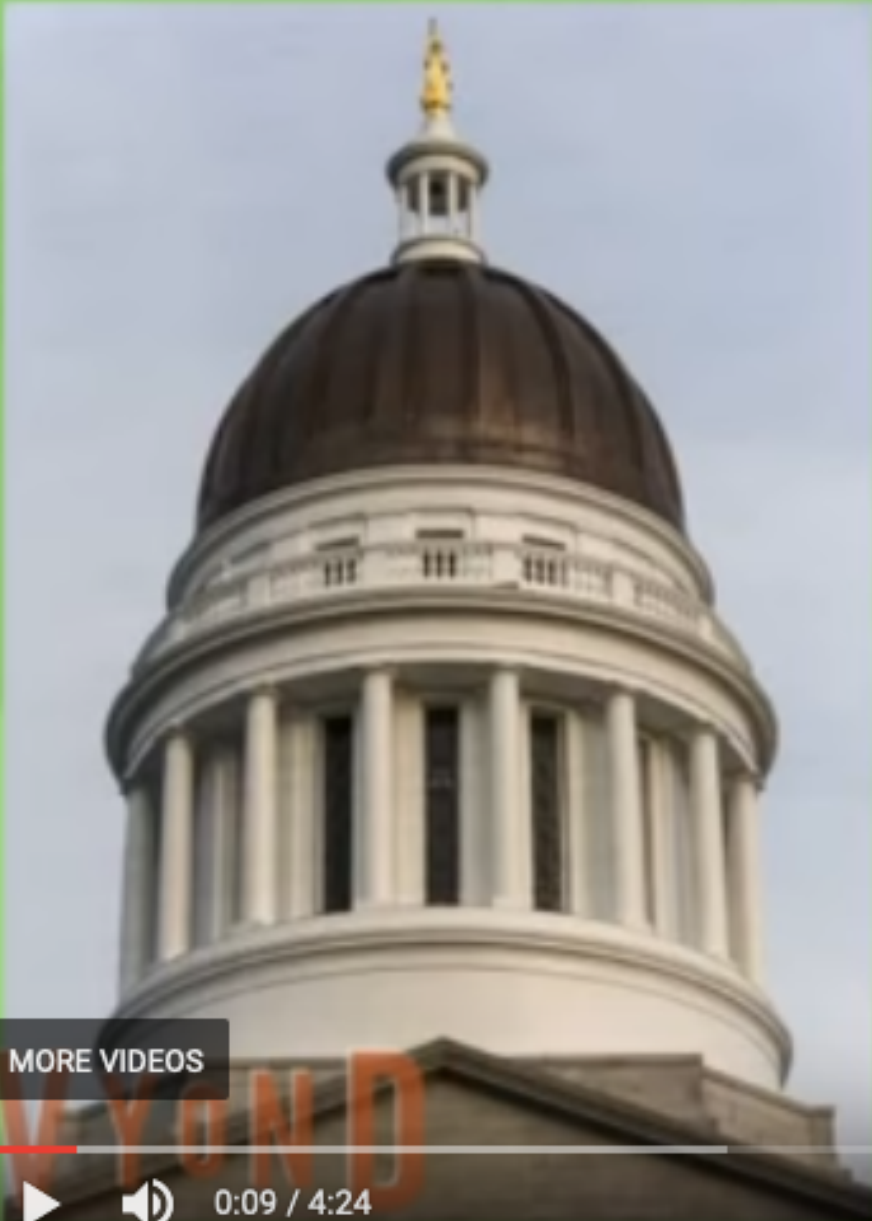


# CLOSING AND QUESTIONS

Ranked-choice voting does not apply to the general election races for governor or the state legislature

Ranked-Choice Voting in Maine

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General Election:

~~Governor~~

~~State legislators~~

MORE VIDEOS

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