Ranked Choice Voting Survey for Election Officials

Thank you for completing this survey on the administrative considerations with implementing Ranked Choice Voting, commonly referred to as RCV. Your answers will help with an NCSL research project on the administrative and policy considerations with switching to RCV. While answers may be published in aggregate, individual responses are confidential and your name will not be shared with others.

This survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

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1. Please enter your jurisdiction (City/County, State). *

2. How long have you been in your position? *

3. When did your jurisdiction adopt RCV? *

4. How many changes did your office need to make (e.g., additional supply procurement, replacing equipment, enhance existing equipment, etc.) to conduct an election using RCV? *

- ○ 0
- ○ 1
- ○ 2
- ○ 3
- ○ 4
- ○ 5
- ○ 6
- ○ 7
- ○ 8
- ○ 9
- ○ 10+

5. Check all types of software or multi-use equipment that were replaced or modified to conduct an RCV election. Modification includes any add-ons to allow existing equipment to conduct an RCV election. *

- ☐ Digital recording electronic voting machine (DREs)
- ☐ Ballot marking device
- ☐ Ballot scanner/tabulator
- ☐ Ballot design software
- ☐ Ballot printer
- ☐ Other (explain more in question 7)

6. Check all types of single-use election materials that were changed (either in type or quantity) to permit your jurisdiction to run elections using RCV. *

☐ Ballot paper

☐ Absentee ballot envelopes

☐ Voter-focused equipment (e.g., pens)

☐ Other (explain more in question 7)

7. If you selected "Other" for questions 5 or 6, please explain. Enter "N/A" if inapplicable. *

8. Did your office educate the public about how to cast an RCV ballot the first time it was used? If so, how? *

9. Please quantify what your jurisdiction spent on efforts to educate voters on how to cast an RCV ballot the first time RCV was used, excluding staff hours. Were these expenditures greater than what your jurisdiction would normally spend on generic education efforts about casting a ballot? If so, by how much? *

10. Please estimate the number of staff hours spent on public education about RCV the first time it was used. *

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11. Please estimate the number of staff hours spent on public education about RCV in subsequent elections. Did this number exceed the normal number of staff hours your jurisdiction would spend on generic education education/outreach? If so, by how much? *

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12. Considering everything listed above, please estimate the total cost of adapting to be able to conduct elections using RCV? *

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13. If you have it, please give an itemized list of the costs incurred to be able to conduct elections using RCV. You may also send this information to Ben Williams via email (ben.williams@ncsl.org). *

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14. Pivoting to a different topic, do any other jurisdictions in your state use RCV? If so, do you use the same equipment and materials as them? *

15. In your opinion, does RCV slow (or otherwise hinder) the release of unofficial election results? If so, are there steps that can be taken to mitigate this? *

16. Looking back on when your jurisdiction adopted RCV for some offices, did its introduction increase the number of ballot designs your office needed to create? If it didn't increase the number of ballot designs, did the amount of time needed to design said ballots increase? *

17. Is there anything else we should know? *