



## Alaska Republican Party

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Alaskans will soon encounter a new primary and general election process.

No Alaskan Republican Primary exists to select a Republican nominee for the general election ballot. Primary battles are gone. The Republican candidates who advance to the General Election ballot need to view each other as team members. If not, Alaska may elect Democrats.

The August 16, 2022, Alaska primary process will forward up to four candidates to the November general election ballot. If six candidates are running for an Alaskan State House Seat, the four candidates receiving the most primary votes advance to the general election ballot. Those four may be any combination of Republicans, Democrats and other candidates. A Kenai State House primary could send four Republicans to the general election ballot. Similarly, a Juneau State House primary could send four Democrats to the general election ballot. Key detail for Alaskan primary voters: **VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE FOR YOUR PREFERRED PRIMARY CANDIDATE** to get that candidate on the general election ballot. Think of the primary as a track meet's qualifying heat. The top four primary vote-getters earn slots on the general election ballot.

These four candidates advance to a general election with Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV). Alaska voters may rank the four candidates from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. Initially, the 1<sup>st</sup> choice votes are tallied. If a candidate gets 50% +1 votes, Alaska has a winner, and the counting is done. If no candidate collects 50%+1 of the 1<sup>st</sup> choice votes, the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice votes come into play. Here's how:

If your candidate finished fourth and you made NO other selections, your ballot is exhausted and has no further impact in the election. That's why each voter must select at least a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice candidate to stay in this RCV counting.

The eliminated 4<sup>th</sup> place candidate's ballots are reprocessed to count these voters' 2<sup>nd</sup> choice votes. This second tabulation adds these 2<sup>nd</sup> choice votes to generate new

tallies of the remaining three candidates. If a candidate has 50% + 1 votes after the second tabulation, Alaska has a winner, and the count is complete.

Remember, ballots with no active remaining choices are gone from the tabulations. Only one conservative or moderate candidate in each race is the worst in your opinion. As an example, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Republican team member that you dislike is your 3<sup>rd</sup> choice. A Democrat is never your choice.

If no candidate has 50% + 1 votes after the second tabulation, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place candidate's ballots are reprocessed to count these voters' next remaining choice for the remaining two candidates.

The State of Maine used a RCV counting system in 2018. Incumbent Republican Bruce Poliquin received 46.33% of the 1<sup>st</sup> choice votes. Democrat Jared Golden took 45.58% of 1<sup>st</sup> choice votes. Two Independents had 8.08%. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District race was flipped in the Maine RCV counting process. When the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice votes for the Independents were counted, Democrat Jared Golden gathered 50.62% of the vote and Republican Poliquin lost with 49.38% of the vote. The Democrat Golden won by 3,539 votes. 8,253 voters did not make a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. These 8,253 missing votes should have been recruited to support the Republican Team.

In the 2022 elections: 1) VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CANDIDATE IN THE PRIMARY. 2) RANK YOUR CONSERVATIVE AND MODERATE CANDIDATE TEAM MEMBERS ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FROM FIRST TO LAST. A DEMOCRAT IS NEVER YOUR CHOICE.