In all state and federal general elections, voters rank candidates in order of preference, instead of only choosing one.

Ballots are counted in rounds. If a candidate gets 50% + 1 vote in round one, they win. Candidates are eliminated until two candidates remain and the candidate with the most votes wins.

**ROUND 1**
Only your 1st choice ranking is counted.

If a candidate gets 50% + 1 vote, they win.
If not, the counting goes to Round 2.

**ROUND 2**
The candidate with the fewest votes gets eliminated.

If you voted for that candidate, your vote goes to your next choice and you still have a say in who wins.
If more than two candidates are left, counting continues.

**ROUND 3 (and beyond)**
The candidate with the most votes wins.

If two candidates are left, the candidate with the most votes wins.
RANKED CHOICE VOTING BALLOT MARKING GUIDE

CORRECT:
Fill in one oval per candidate, in each column.

Ranking other candidates does not affect your 1st choice but you do not have to rank all candidates.

WRONG:
Do NOT rank a candidate more than once. Your vote only counts once for that candidate no matter how many times you rank that candidate.

Do NOT give multiple candidates the same ranking. This is an overvote and counting stops at the point of the overvote.

Do NOT skip two or more sequential rankings. If you do, only the rankings before the skipped rankings will count.

WHAT TO EXPECT

1st choice results reported
General Election Night

Ongoing ballot counting
For eligible absentee and questioned ballots

Counting rounds start
15 days after Election Day
Final unofficial results reported