

Election of the President by Popular Vote Using Ranked Choice Voting

The 12th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed and Article II, Section 1 of this Constitution is amended to read as follows:

The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He or she shall hold his or her Office during the Term of four Years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same Term, be elected, as follows:

The people of each state shall vote by ballot for President and each presidential candidate's designated Vice-President, one of whom, at least shall not be an inhabitant of the same state as themselves. The ballot shall allow voters to rank a minimum of five candidates for president, in order of preference. Provision shall be made to allow a voter to include write-in candidates among their ranked choices.

Tabulation of the votes shall proceed in sequential rounds. In the first round, only first-choice votes are tabulated. If a candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes (fifty percent of the total votes cast, plus one vote) that candidate is elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes cast, the candidate with the lowest number of first-choice votes is eliminated and the candidates listed as the second choice on ballots cast for the candidate being eliminated shall be distributed among the "continuing candidates". In each subsequent round, the candidate who has the fewest "cumulative votes" is eliminated. In each subsequent round, the highest remaining choice among continuing candidates on each ballot for eliminated candidates shall be redistributed among the continuing candidates. When Ballots contain votes for more than one candidate at the same ranking, a single vote shall be divided among the candidates listed (one-half of a vote for each, if two candidates are listed, one-third of a vote, if three candidates are listed, et cetera). Ballots that do not include any continuing candidates will be "exhausted ballots". This process is repeated in as many rounds as needed until one candidate wins election by receiving at least fifty percent plus one of the total cumulative votes.

If a tie occurs at any point in the tabulation procedure, all the candidates with the same number of votes shall be eliminated. If the tabulation process ends in a tie between the final two continuing candidates, the members of the House of Representatives shall convene and choose between them, with each member having one vote.

The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his or her Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he or she shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.

Before he or she enters on the Execution of his or her Office, he or she shall take the following Oath or Affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."