The Ranked Choice Voting Amendment

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:

Article VIII, Section 3 is amended to read as follows:

1. All elections by the people shall be by paper ballot or by any mechanical method prescribed by law.
2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in any election for public office in the state of Missouri where there are more than two candidates for election to a single office where there can only be one winner, voters shall be able to cast votes for up to seven candidates ranked in order of preference.
3. Votes shall be tabulated in rounds. In the first round, only first-choice votes shall be counted. If any candidate has a majority of the first-choice votes, that candidate is elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes, the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes shall be eliminated and the second-choice votes of voters who voted for that candidate shall be distributed among the “continuing candidates”. If any candidate then has a majority of the “cumulative votes”, that candidate is elected. If no candidate has a majority of the cumulative votes, the continuing candidate with the fewest cumulative votes shall be eliminated and the highest ranked remaining choice of voters who voted for that candidate shall be distributed among the continuing candidates. This process shall be repeated for as many additional rounds of tabulation as necessary until a continuing candidate has a majority of the cumulative votes.