



## Testimony

### House Privileges and Elections - Election Administration

#### Subcommittee

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#### [SB428](#)

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Elections; allows for any local or constitutional office to be conducted by ranked choice voting; report.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports the [expansion of ranked choice voting to all locally elected offices] **clarification of processes for Ranked Choice Voting Elections**, as described in SB 428. We believe that ranked choice voting, or RCV, would make our elections more accessible, would promote nominees with broad support, and would ensure that every voter's voice is heard. RCV often results in a more diverse slate of candidates who can run for office without the fear of being a "spoiler" or splitting the vote. RCV allows voters to express their choice of candidates fully, without worrying about "wasting their vote" if a preferred candidate drops out before election day, and without worrying about voting for the likely winner, rather than the candidate that most closely represents their personal views. RCV ensures that the winning candidate has the broad support of the majority of voters, rather than just a 22% or 34% plurality of voters. The League of Women Voters of Virginia asks this Committee to report out SB428 to the full Committee.

