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INITIATIVE PETITION
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Constitutional amendment to: require ranked-choice voting (RCV) for federal offices, Governor/Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State, allowing voters to numerically rank candidates by voter preference starting in 2029; count votes in rounds, eliminating lowest-ranked candidate and reallocating their votes to remaining ranked candidates until candidate with most final-round votes is declared the winner; allow voters to rank at least 4 more candidates than positions to be nominated/elected unless insufficient number of candidates; authorize local jurisdiction to adopt use of RCV in local elections; move August primary to June or earlier in even year elections; require legislative funding and implementing legislation.

For the full text of proposed Article 2, §§§ 4A, 5, and 11, see the reverse side of this petition. Provisions of existing constitution altered or abrogated by the proposal if adopted: Art. 2, § 5.

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the county of _____, State of Michigan, respectively petition for amendment to constitution

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The proposal, if adopted, would amend Article II, Section 5 and create Article II, Sections 4a and 11, as follows (additions capitalized, deletions stricken):

Article II Elections

§ 4A RIGHTS OF ELECTORS.

SEC. 4A. (1) IN ADDITION TO RIGHTS UNDER SECTION 4, EVERY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES WHO IS AN ELECTOR QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN MICHIGAN SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

(A) THE RIGHT TO VOTE USING RANKED-CHOICE VOTING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 11.

(B) THE RIGHT TO TIMELY NOTICE OF A CHANGE IN A POLLING PLACE, EARLY VOTING SITE, OR ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTER, OR OF A CHANGE IN ELECTION RULES OR PROCEDURES AFFECTING PARTICIPATION IN AN ELECTION, AS PROVIDED BY LAW IN A MANNER INTENDED TO NOTIFY AFFECTED ELECTORS AND PERMIT THOSE ELECTORS TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE.

(C) THE RIGHT TO VOTE IF PRESENT AND IN LINE AT THE ELECTOR'S POLLING PLACE, EARLY VOTING SITE, ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTER, OR CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE AT THE HOUR PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR CLOSING OF THE POLLING PLACE, EARLY VOTING SITE, ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTER, OR OFFICE.

(D) THE RIGHT TO VOTE USING A PAPER BALLOT AT AN ELECTION THAT PERMITS THE ELECTOR TO VISUALLY CONFIRM THE ELECTOR'S SELECTIONS OR RANKINGS, INCLUDING VOTING WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A BALLOT MARKING DEVICE, OR OTHER ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM PERMITTED BY LAW, WITH THE BALLOT SECURELY PRESERVED IN A MANNER THAT PERMITS ELECTION CERTIFICATION, RECOUNTS, AND AUDITS.

(E) THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT USING A CLEAR WRITE-IN SPACE ON THE BALLOT, WITH THE VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE COUNTED IF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

(I) THE CANDIDATE IS ELIGIBLE TO SEEK NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE UNDER REQUIREMENTS THAT APPLY TO ALL CANDIDATES UNDER LAW.

(II) THE CANDIDATE FILED ANY DECLARATION OF INTENT REQUIRED BY LAW NO LATER THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE.

(2) THIS SECTION AND SECTION 11 ARE SELF-EXECUTING. THIS SECTION AND SECTION 11 MUST BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED IN FAVOR OF ELECTORS' RIGHTS IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE THEIR PURPOSES. IF ANY PART OR PARTS OF THIS SECTION OR SECTION 11 ARE FOUND TO CONFLICT WITH THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OR FEDERAL LAW, THE SECTIONS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED AND ANY PART OR PARTS HELD INVALID ARE SEVERABLE FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE SECTIONS.

(3) THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ENACT LAWS FURTHER IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION, SECTION 5, AND SECTION 11 CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CONSTITUTION.

(4) ONE OR MORE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE, OR ANY ENTITY WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES SUCH CITIZENS OR WHOSE MISSION WOULD BE FRUSTRATED BY A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION OR SECTION 11, MAY BRING AN ACTION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO ENFORCE THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY THIS SECTION OR SECTION 11. IF A PLAINTIFF PREVAILS IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE COURT SHALL AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, AND DISBURSEMENTS.

§ 5 Time of elections.

Sec. 5. Except for special elections to fill vacancies, or as otherwise provided in this constitution, all elections for national, state, county and township offices shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year or on such other date as members of the congress of the United States are regularly elected AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2027, ALL PRIMARY ELECTIONS TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE APPEARING ON A BALLOT AT A NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION MUST BE HELD ON A DATE PROVIDED BY LAW AT LEAST 140 DAYS BEFORE THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION.

§ 11 RANKED-CHOICE VOTING

SEC. 11. (1) FOR A QUALIFIED OFFICE APPEARING ON A BALLOT AT A PRIMARY ELECTION, THE BALLOT MUST PERMIT AN ELECTOR TO NUMERICALLY RANK CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE QUALIFIED OFFICE IN ORDER OF THE ELECTOR'S PREFERENCE USING RANKED-CHOICE VOTING. FOR A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, THE BALLOT MUST PERMIT ELECTORS TO NUMERICALLY RANK CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION AS THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OF A POLITICAL PARTY IN ORDER OF THE ELECTOR'S PREFERENCE USING RANKED-CHOICE VOTING. A CHARTER COUNTY, CITY, OR CHARTER TOWNSHIP MAY PROVIDE BY ORDINANCE OR CHARTER FOR THE USE OF RANKED-CHOICE VOTING AT A PRIMARY ELECTION TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE OF THE CHARTER COUNTY, CITY, OR CHARTER TOWNSHIP. AT A PRIMARY ELECTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION PROVIDING FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES OF ONE OR MORE POLITICAL PARTIES, AN ELECTOR MAY NOT VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF MORE THAN ONE POLITICAL PARTY.

(2) FOR A QUALIFIED OFFICE APPEARING ON A BALLOT AT AN ELECTION OTHER THAN A PRIMARY ELECTION, THE BALLOT MUST PERMIT AN ELECTOR TO NUMERICALLY RANK CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED OFFICE USING RANKED-CHOICE VOTING. IN A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICES OF GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, PREFERENCES MUST BE INDICATED AND VOTES CAST JOINTLY FOR CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NOMINATED BY THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY.

(3) FOR A GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT THAT INCLUDES TWO OR MORE PRESIDENTIAL SLATES, THE BALLOT MUST PERMIT AN ELECTOR TO NUMERICALLY RANK EACH PRESIDENTIAL SLATE IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE USING RANKED-CHOICE VOTING. THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER OF POPULAR VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH PRESIDENTIAL SLATE IS EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH PRESIDENTIAL SLATE IN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE STATEWIDE COUNT UNDER SUBSECTION (5). THE ELECTOR SLATE APPOINTED FOR THIS STATE WILL BE THE ELECTOR SLATE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL SLATE THAT RECEIVED THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE STATEWIDE COUNT UNDER SUBSECTION (5) UNLESS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THIS STATE AND OTHER STATES REQUIRES A DIFFERENT APPOINTMENT METHOD.

(4) A CHARTER COUNTY, CITY, OR CHARTER TOWNSHIP MAY PROVIDE BY ORDINANCE OR CHARTER FOR THE USE OF RANKED-CHOICE VOTING AT AN ELECTION OTHER THAN A PRIMARY ELECTION TO ELECT PUBLIC OFFICERS OF THE CHARTER COUNTY, CITY, OR CHARTER TOWNSHIP. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO RESTRICT THE EXISTING AUTHORITY OF ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT OR MAINTAIN AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF ELECTION AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY LAW.

(5) BALLOTS FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE SUBJECT TO RANKED-CHOICE VOTING MUST ALLOW ELECTORS TO RANK AT LEAST FOUR MORE CANDIDATES THAN THE NUMBER OF SEATS TO BE NOMINATED, ELECTED, OR DESIGNATED AS THE WINNER. IF FEWER CANDIDATES ARE DECLARED THAN THE NUMBER OF RANKINGS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION, THE NUMBER OF RANKINGS MAY BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY. SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (7), THE CANDIDATE THAT RECEIVES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN AN ELECTION FOR PUBLIC OFFICE SUBJECT TO RANKED-CHOICE VOTING IS NOMINATED, ELECTED, OR DESIGNATED AS THE WINNER. THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTION FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE SUBJECT TO RANKED-CHOICE VOTING UNDER THIS SECTION IS DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IF ONLY ONE CANDIDATE'S NAME APPEARS ON THE BALLOT, OR IF ONLY TWO CANDIDATES' NAMES APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AND THERE IS NO DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE, FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE WHERE ONLY ONE CANDIDATE WILL BE NOMINATED, ELECTED, OR DESIGNATED AS THE WINNER, EACH BALLOT FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE COUNTS AS ONE VOTE FOR THE SINGLE CANDIDATE SELECTED BY THE VOTER FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE ON THE BALLOT.

(B) IF MORE THAN TWO CANDIDATES' NAMES APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, OR IF TWO CANDIDATES' NAMES APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AND THERE IS A DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE, FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE WHERE ONLY ONE CANDIDATE WILL BE NOMINATED, ELECTED, OR DESIGNATED AS THE WINNER, EACH BALLOT FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE COUNTS AS ONE VOTE FOR THE HIGHEST-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE ON THE BALLOT. COUNTING PROCEEDS IN ROUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

(I) IF THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO ACTIVE CANDIDATES, THE ACTIVE CANDIDATE WITH THE FEWEST VOTES IS ELIMINATED AND VOTES FOR THE ELIMINATED CANDIDATE COUNT FOR EACH BALLOT'S NEXT-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE, AND A NEW ROUND MUST BEGIN.

(II) IF THERE ARE TWO OR FEWER ACTIVE CANDIDATES FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE, COUNTING IS COMPLETE.

(C) IN AN ELECTION FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE, WHERE MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE WILL BE NOMINATED, ELECTED, OR DESIGNATED AS A WINNER, EACH BALLOT FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE COUNTS AS ONE VOTE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FOR THE HIGHEST-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE ON THE BALLOT. CANDIDATES THAT REACH THE ELECTION THRESHOLD OR ANY CANDIDATES THAT REMAIN ACTIVE WHEN THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE CANDIDATES IS FEWER THAN OR EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF SEATS OR NOMINATIONS THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN FILLED ARE NOMINATED, ELECTED, OR DESIGNATED AS A WINNER. COUNTING PROCEEDS IN ROUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

(I) IF ANY ACTIVE CANDIDATE HAS VOTES EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDING THE ELECTION THRESHOLD, THAT CANDIDATE IS NOMINATED, ELECTED, OR DESIGNATED AS A WINNER. A PART OF EACH VOTE PROPORTIONAL TO THE SURPLUS RECEIVED BY THAT CANDIDATE MUST THEN COUNT FOR THE NEXT-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE ON THE BALLOT, AND A NEW ROUND MUST BEGIN.

(II) IF SEATS REMAIN TO BE FILLED AND NO ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE MEETS THE ELECTION THRESHOLD, THE ACTIVE CANDIDATE WITH THE FEWEST VOTES IS ELIMINATED AND VOTES FOR THE ELIMINATED CANDIDATE COUNT FOR EACH BALLOT'S NEXT-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE, AND A NEW ROUND MUST BEGIN.

(III) IF THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED, ELECTED, OR DESIGNATED AS WINNERS EQUALS THE NUMBER OF SEATS TO BE NOMINATED, ELECTED, OR DESIGNATED AS WINNERS, AND ALL SURPLUS VOTE TRANSFERS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, COUNTING IS COMPLETE.

(D) IF AN ELECTOR VOTES USING THE STRAIGHT PARTY VOTE OPTION UNDER SECTION 4(1)(C) ON A PARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, THE BALLOT FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE COUNTS AS ONE VOTE FOR THE HIGHEST-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE NOMINATED BY THE SELECTED PARTY, UNLESS THE ELECTOR INDICATES A DIFFERENT PREFERENCE FOR THAT PUBLIC OFFICE ON THE BALLOT. AN ELECTOR MAY RANK MORE THAN ONE PARTY AT THE TOP OF THE BALLOT, IN WHICH EVENT THE BALLOT SHALL CONTINUE TO COUNT FOR AN ACTIVE CANDIDATE NOMINATED BY THE HIGHEST-RANKED PARTY WITH AN ACTIVE CANDIDATE REMAINING FOR THAT PUBLIC OFFICE ON THE BALLOT, UNLESS THE ELECTOR INDICATES A DIFFERENT PREFERENCE FOR THAT PUBLIC OFFICE ON THE BALLOT.

(6) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO COUNTING BALLOTS USING RANKED-CHOICE VOTING UNDER THIS SECTION:

(A) AN UNDERVOTE DOES NOT COUNT AS AN ACTIVE OR INACTIVE BALLOT IN ANY ROUND OF COUNTING FOR THAT PUBLIC OFFICE.

(B) AN ACTIVE BALLOT FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE BECOMES AN INACTIVE BALLOT IF EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

(I) ALL CANDIDATES RANKED ON THE BALLOT HAVE BECOME INACTIVE.

(II) THE BALLOT FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE INCLUDES AN OVERVOTE AND ANY CANDIDATES RANKED HIGHER THAN THE OVERVOTE HAVE BECOME INACTIVE.

(C) A BALLOT FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE REMAINS ACTIVE AND CONTINUES TO COUNT FOR ITS HIGHEST-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY SKIPPED RANKINGS OR REPEATED RANKINGS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE.

(D) IF A CANDIDATE FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE APPEARING ON A BALLOT DIES OR IS DISQUALIFIED ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY AND IS NOT REPLACED ON THE BALLOT, THE CANDIDATE MUST BE TREATED AS AN ELIMINATED CANDIDATE UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

(E) IF TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES ARE TIED WITH THE FEWEST NUMBER OF VOTES AND COUNTING CANNOT CONTINUE UNTIL THE TIE IS RESOLVED, THE TIE MUST BE RESOLVED BY LOT. THE RESOLUTION OF A TIE MUST BE RECORDED AND REUSED IN ANY RECOUNT.

(7) THE LEGISLATURE MAY ENACT LAWS RELATING TO DETERMINING THE OUTCOME OF A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION USING RANKED-CHOICE VOTING UNDER THIS SECTION TO ASSIST A POLITICAL PARTY IN ALLOCATING DELEGATES FROM THIS STATE TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE POLITICAL PARTY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, APPLICATION OF A THRESHOLD FOR A CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE AN ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES.

(8) THE LEGISLATURE MAY ENACT LAWS AUTHORIZING THE USE OF RANKED-CHOICE VOTING IN ELECTIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICES OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (4).

(9) THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION AND HAS SUPERVISORY CONTROL OVER LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES UNDER THIS SECTION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS AND PROMULGATE RULES PURSUANT TO STATE LAW FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL INCLUDE ELECTIONS CONDUCTED USING RANKED-CHOICE VOTING IN POST-ELECTION AUDITS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 4(1)(L).

(10) THE LEGISLATURE SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY SUFFICIENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SECTION.

(11) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO ELECTIONS HELD AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2028.

(12) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

(A) "ACTIVE CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE WHO HAS NOT BEEN ELIMINATED, NOMINATED, ELECTED, OR DESIGNATED AS A WINNER.

(B) "ELECTION" MEANS AN ELECTION OR PRIMARY ELECTION AT WHICH THE ELECTORS OF THIS STATE OR A SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE CHOOSE OR NOMINATE BY BALLOT AN INDIVIDUAL FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. ELECTION INCLUDES A SPECIAL ELECTION AND A SPECIAL PRIMARY.

(C) "ELECTION THRESHOLD" MEANS THE MINIMUM WHOLE NUMBER OF VOTES NEEDED TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED TO A SEAT. THE ELECTION THRESHOLD IS DETERMINED BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST BY THE SUM OF ONE AND THE NUMBER OF SEATS TO BE FILLED, ROUNDING DOWN TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER, AND ADDING ONE VOTE.

(D) "HIGHEST-RANKED ACTIVE CANDIDATE" MEANS THE ACTIVE CANDIDATE ASSIGNED TO A HIGHER RANKING THAN ANY OTHER ACTIVE CANDIDATE.

(E) "INACTIVE BALLOT" MEANS A BALLOT THAT DOES NOT COUNT FOR ANY CANDIDATE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNT FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE FOR THE REASONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6).

(F) "OVERVOTE" MEANS A BALLOT MARKING WHERE AN ELECTOR ASSIGNS THE SAME RANKING TO MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE.

(G) "PRESIDENTIAL SLATE" MEANS A SLATE OF TWO PERSONS, THE FIRST OF WHOM HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SECOND OF WHOM HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS A CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OR ANY LEGAL SUCCESSORS TO THOSE PERSONS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER BOTH NAMES APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AT A GENERAL ELECTION.

(H) "PRIMARY ELECTION" MEANS AN ELECTION AT WHICH THE ELECTORS OF THIS STATE OR OF A SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE. PRIMARY ELECTION INCLUDES A SPECIAL PRIMARY. PRIMARY ELECTION DOES NOT INCLUDE THE NOMINATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE BY A POLITICAL PARTY OR A COMMITTEE, PRECINCT DELEGATES, OR NOMINEES OF A POLITICAL PARTY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NOMINATION BY A POLITICAL PARTY AT A STATE CONVENTION.

(I) "QUALIFIED OFFICE" MEANS A PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION AND INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTIVE OFFICES:

(I) UNITED STATES SENATOR.

(II) REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

(III) GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

(IV) SECRETARY OF STATE.

(V) ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(J) "RANKED-CHOICE VOTING" MEANS A METHOD OF CASTING VOTES THAT PROVIDES ELECTORS THE OPTION TO NUMERICALLY RANK CANDIDATES BY PREFERENCE AND COUNTING VOTES IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5).

(K) "RANKING" MEANS THE NUMBER AVAILABLE TO BE ASSIGNED BY AN ELECTOR TO A CANDIDATE TO EXPRESS THE ELECTOR'S PREFERENCE FOR THAT CANDIDATE. A LOWER NUMBER INDICATES A HIGHER PREFERENCE, WITH "1" BEING THE HIGHEST RANKING.

(L) "REPEATED RANKING" MEANS A BALLOT MARKING FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE WHERE AN ELECTOR ASSIGNS THE SAME CANDIDATE MULTIPLE RANKINGS.

(M) "ROUND" MEANS AN INSTANCE IN THE SEQUENCE OF VOTE COUNTING DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (5) AND (6).

(N) "SKIPPED RANKING" MEANS A BALLOT MARKING FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE WHERE AN ELECTOR LEAVES A RANKING UNASSIGNED BUT ASSIGNS A CANDIDATE FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE A SUBSEQUENT RANKING.

(O) "SPECIAL ELECTION" MEANS AN ELECTION TO ELECT AN INDIVIDUAL TO, OR NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL FOR, A PARTIAL TERM IN A PUBLIC OFFICE.

(P) "SPECIAL PRIMARY" MEANS A PRIMARY ELECTION CALLED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY UNDER STATE LAW FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED FOR AT A SPECIAL ELECTION.

(Q) "UNDERVOTE" MEANS A BALLOT MARKING WHERE A BALLOT DOES NOT RANK ANY CANDIDATES IN AN ELECTION FOR A PARTICULAR OFFICE.

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