

## HB 2089 -- Instant Runoff Voting

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This bill establishes procedures for instant runoff voting for certain elected state officials. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires all primary and general elections held after January 1, 2009, for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Attorney General, state representative, and state senator to be conducted using instant runoff voting procedures;
- (2) Specifies the procedures for instant runoff voting and the counting of ranked-choice ballots. Generally, if there is no simple majority winner in the first round of voting, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and the process continues by counting the next most preferred candidate votes on those ballots where the eliminated candidate was the top choice. The process continues until a winner by simple majority emerges or a tie results. Write-in votes will still be allowed, and the procedures for breaking ties will remain the same as specified in Chapter 115, RSMo;
- (3) Allows the Secretary of State to limit candidate choices to three if necessary to accommodate the voting system; and
- (4) Requires the Secretary of State to conduct a voter education campaign explaining the ranked-choice method of voting.