

MINNESOTA DFL RESOLUTION FORM

(NOTE: Incomplete forms may be rejected. Submit only one resolution per form.
Resolutions that combine separate issues might not be considered.)

Congressional District: <input type="text"/>	County Unit/ Senate District: <input type="text"/>	Precinct: <input type="text"/>
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Proposed by: _____
(Name) (City) Contact Phone # / E-mail

This resolution is: **A new 2010 Action Agenda item.**
[check one] **X** A readoption of a 2008 Action Agenda item.
 An amendment of the Ongoing Platform.
 A Party Issue. (Will not be included in the Action Agenda items presented to the state convention.)
 A Local Issue (City/County). (Forward to the appropriate elected body, not the Platform Commission.)

This resolution should be considered under the following category: *[check one]*

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| <u> </u> Agriculture & Food | <u> </u> National Security & International Policy |
| <u> </u> Business & Community Development | <u> </u> Natural Resources & the Environment |
| <u> </u> Civil, Human & Constitutional Rights | <u> </u> Public Safety & Crime Prevention |
| <u> </u> Consumer Issues | <u> </u> Retirement Security |
| <u> </u> Education | <u> </u> Tax & Budget Policy |
| <u> </u> Energy | <u> </u> Transportation |
| <u> </u> X Government Accountability to the Public | <u> </u> Veterans Affairs |
| <u> </u> Health & Human Services | <u> </u> Local or Party Issues |
| <u> </u> Labor & Employment | |

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(Print or attach your resolution here.
Any WHEREAS clauses or supporting statements should be included on the back of this form.)

Instant Runoff Voting

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minnesota DFL endorse adoption of Instant Runoff Voting (also known as Ranked Choice Voting) for state and local elections.

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: Adopted Defeated
by: A voice vote. A recorded vote of: Yes No Abstain
(A majority consists of more than half of those voting, not counting blanks and abstentions.)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTION OF INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING FOR STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, a growing number of statewide offices elected since 1998 have been decided by less than a majority of voters;

WHEREAS, the past three elections for governor had three major party candidates plus more candidates from other parties, resulting in a less-than-majority winner;

WHEREAS, Instant Runoff Voting accomplishes in a single election what a traditional runoff accomplishes in two, avoiding the need for a costly and low-turnout runoff election;

WHEREAS, additionally, Instant Runoff Voting has been shown to:

- Maximize voter participation and available choices of candidates
- Assure fairer and more accurate representation of all voters
- Eliminate the problems of “spoiler” candidates and “wasted votes”
- Eliminate the need for nonpartisan city primary elections and reduce the cost of campaigns
- Lead to more informative and less negative campaigns

WHEREAS, Instant Runoff Voting was unanimously ruled constitutional by the Minnesota Supreme Court and supports the principle of “one-person, one vote”;

WHEREAS, Instant Runoff Voting was adopted as part of the DFL Action Agenda and Legislative Priorities in 2008, was endorsed by the Minneapolis DFL in 2006 for IRV in Minneapolis, the DFL Progressive Caucus, the MY DFL, the DFL Feminist Caucus, several senate district party units and over two dozen local and state DFL elected leaders;

WHEREAS, Instant Runoff Voting is supported by Senator Al Franken, Congressman Keith Ellison, DFL gubernatorial candidates Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Mark Dayton, Matt Entenza, Steve Kelley, John Marty, Tom Rukavina, R.T. Rybak and Paul Thissen; and several DFL legislative candidates;

WHEREAS, Instant Runoff Voting was overwhelmingly adopted by Minneapolis voters in 2006 and used in the 2009 municipal election; adopted by Saint Paul voters in 2009 for use beginning in 2011; and is being considered for placement on the ballot in Duluth in 2010;

WHEREAS, Instant Runoff Voting is already being used in several US cities (San Francisco, CA; Cambridge, MA; Burlington, VT; Takoma Park, MD; and Hendersonville, NC), in three states (Louisiana, North Carolina and Arkansas) for overseas voters, and is pending implementation in more than a dozen other jurisdictions throughout the country;

WHEREAS, Instant Runoff Voting is supported by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, League of Women Voters of Minnesota, Sierra Club-North Star Chapter, Citizens for Election Integrity-MN, MPIRG and several other state and local organizations as well as the Star Tribune, Spokesman-Recorder and La Prensa;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Minnesota DFL endorse adoption of Instant Runoff Voting for state and local elections.