

Better democracy through advanced voting systems

FairVote Minnesota shares the desire of many for a higher quality of politics.

Our vision is for:

- a public informed, empowered, and engaged in the political process
- a government whose elected officials represent our diverse society and respond to those who elected them
- elections where every vote counts and more people can elect someone who represents them
- political discourse centered on substance, not sensationalism

FairVote Minnesota works for better democracy through a unique focus on the voting system. We educate the public about the effect our voting system has on the quality of our democracy and about alternative voting systems that may improve public life.

In particular, we examine qualities such as competitiveness, majority rule, representation, and participation. We advocate voting systems with a demonstrated record of success in producing these qualities. Such systems include Instant Runoff Voting in single-winner elections and various forms of proportional representation in multi-winner elections for legislative bodies.

FairVote Minnesota offers:

✓ Educational services

Speakers bureau — Provide program organizers with informative presenters.

Study circles — Lead individuals through a more in-depth, deliberative look at voting systems in a small group setting.

✓ Public policy programs

Home rule charter project — Provide information to charter commissions and local groups considering alternative voting systems for their home rule city or other self-governing jurisdiction.

State policy project — Monitor, comment, and report on state policy and legislative activity pertaining to the voting system, including data collection and analysis, policy development and advocacy, and coalition building.

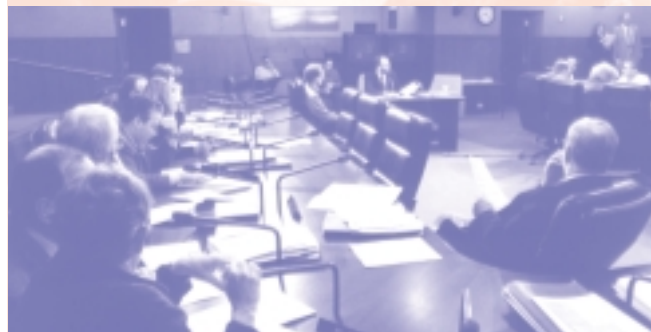


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✓ Election services

Design — Advise organizations on using alternative voting methods for internal elections. Services include guidance on choice of voting method and rules for voting and conducting the election and vote count.

Administration — Provide a full range of election administration services, including vote counting with open source software used in public, corporate, and association elections.



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Resources

Ask yourself these questions:

No-Contest Elections™

A biennial study of competitiveness in Minnesota's legislative elections.

FairVote News

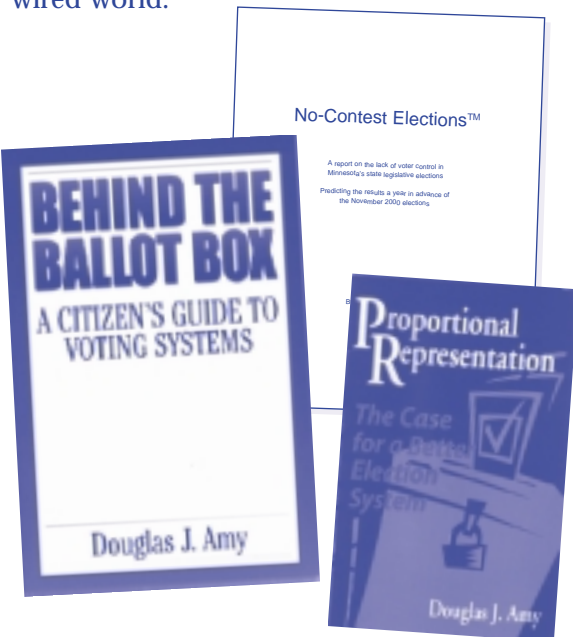
A bulletin of analysis and information about voting systems and the movement for better democracy.

Educational merchandise

Books, pamphlets, and reports about voting systems.

www.FairVoteMN.org & FairVote E-news

Voting system tools and information for the wired world.



- Are you tired of negative campaigns that don't address important issues?
- Do you have trouble electing a candidate who represents your views?
- Do you wish for representatives who were accountable to the voters rather than to other interests?
- Do you think lack of participation and low voter turnout is a problem for our democracy?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you may be ready to learn more.

For more information

on how to access programs, volunteer, or make a tax-deductible contribution, contact:



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Making Every Vote Count

