

Office of the Lt. Governor
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Plurality's Implications for Election Administration

- Rank Choice Voting
 - New software and voting equipment would need to be purchased
 - A paper based system would likely be the only option available
 - Current federal certified rank choice voting equipment is very limited
 - A significant voter outreach campaign would be necessary
 - Strong possibility of voter confusion and increase in spoiled ballots
 - Possibility of delayed election results
 - Very difficult to implement in time for the 2016 election cycle

- Runoff Election
 - An additional election would need to be funded
 - Under the current election deadlines, there is insufficient time to properly prepare and conduct a runoff election and adjustments would need to be made
 - Federal and state law require military and overseas ballots to be sent out 45 days in advance of an election
 - In order to comply with the 45 days requirement and to minimize major adjustments to election deadlines, some states provide military and overseas voters two ballots during the primary election, one normal primary ballot and one rank choice ballot to be counted only if a runoff election is needed
 - Any election challenges to the primary election or the runoff election would need to be resolved quickly
 - Runoff election could be conducted all by-mail

- Party Choice
 - Must know political party's ultimate nominee no later than the last week of August