



# **MAKE EVERY VOTE COUNT—ALWAYS!**

**PPR123: 'Perfect Proportional Representation' + 'Instant Runoff Voting' = 'True' Democracy!**

## **SUMMARY OF BENEFITS FROM PPR123**

### **1. Benefits of PPR123 to each Citizen**

- Every citizen is finally liberated to vote for his/her *true* preferences—free from the coercion of so-called '*strategic voting*' for the '*lesser of evils*'.
- Every citizen's vote counts equally—regardless of where they live, which party they choose, whether they win, or how others vote—which should raise the level of citizen participation.
- Every vote counts—always—in every election—and with every vote in Parliament!

### **2. Benefits of PPR123 to the Public**

- For the first time in history, the people will be liberated to participate in a *truly* democratic and comprehensively fair electoral system—without systemic distortion or regional/partisan bias.
- The people will be saved from having highly *unrepresentative* and *unearned majority* governments (pseudo-dictatorships with far less than majority voter support)! [Since 1930, only 4 of Canada's last 18 majority governments actually won a majority (>50%) of the votes.]
- All citizens should have greater motivation to vote, since each vote increases the voting power in Parliament for their chosen party—regardless of whether or not their candidate wins.
- Parliamentary voting power would adjust automatically and perfectly to population changes.
- Reassignment of the retained votes (from the defeated candidates) within each party could be used to reduce demographic representation imbalances (e.g. gender, age, diversity).

### **3. Benefits of PPR123 to the Political Candidates**

- All candidates are liberated to compete in a *truly* fair electoral system, with voters freed from the perverse practice of '*strategic voting*'.
- Preferential voting (IRV) eliminates the '*spoiler effect*', as votes split between two similar parties would be consolidated in the stronger candidate in each constituency.
- All elected candidates will be those who are the '*rightful*' winners—with the support of a true *majority* (>50%) of their constituents—i.e. the same standard used in electing party leaders.
- All defeated candidates will know that their votes will no longer be wasted—rather, those votes will be retained by their party and reassigned to an elected representative.

### **4. Benefits of PPR123 to the Political Parties**

- All parties are liberated to compete in a *truly* fair electoral system, without '*strategic voting*'.
- Preferential voting eliminates the '*vote-splitting*' problem, as two similar parties would each be able to win in their areas of greater support—both gaining greater voting power under **PPR123**.
- All parties are assured of receiving precisely their fair share of Parliamentary voting power—corresponding directly to the *freely* expressed popular vote.

- IRV should promote more respectful political practices, given that *secondary* votes from the supporters of other parties will be quite significant (for the first time).
- **PPR** should promote more cooperative political practices, given that majority governments would be much less likely (and greater power would likely be held by female representatives).

##### 5. Benefits of **PPR123** to the Nation

- The first nation to adopt **PPR123**—hopefully Canada—will set a new standard, for the entire world, for democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!
- Benefits of **PPR123** should include: increased citizen participation and satisfaction; truly fair and legitimate representation; more respectful and cooperative politics; **better democracy!**