



# MAKE EVERY VOTE COUNT—ALWAYS!

PPR 123: 'Perfect Proportional Representation' + 'Instant Runoff Voting' = 'True' Democracy!

## WHAT MAKES PPR 123 SO SPECIAL?

That's simple: (1) How **PPR 123** works; and (2) The Unique Advantages that **PPR 123** Provides!

### 1. How **PPR 123** works

- In each riding, Citizens vote for their three top choices (candidate/party), ranking them as **1-2-3**.
- In each riding, the vote counting process works the same way all parties elect their leader:
  - All *1<sup>st</sup>*-choice votes are counted first.
  - If no candidate has a majority (i.e. 50%+1), the bottom candidate is eliminated, and those votes are switched to those voter's next choice (i.e. *2<sup>nd</sup>*-choice or *3<sup>rd</sup>*-choice) on each of those ballots.
  - The process continues until the winner is elected as MP with a majority of votes.
- In Parliament, the voting power of each party is exactly equal to their national total of *1<sup>st</sup>*-choice votes!
  - Each MP retains all their *1<sup>st</sup>*-choice votes (but not *2<sup>nd</sup>*-choice or *3<sup>rd</sup>*-choice votes).
  - The parties retain all the *1<sup>st</sup>*-choice votes for all of their *defeated* candidates.
  - The parties reassign *all* of those retained votes amongst their elected MPs, according to an established vote reassignment formula, within the same province and region (where possible).
  - When MPs vote in Parliament, they each cast the number of Citizens' votes entrusted to them (rather than *one-MP = one-vote*, as in all other voting systems).
  - With every vote of Parliament, each party casts their total number of Citizens' (*1<sup>st</sup>*-choice) votes.

### 2. The Unique Advantages that **PPR 123** Provides! (*benefits unequalled by any other voting system*)

- **Every Citizen's vote counts—always!** *Not just on election day—but with every vote of Parliament!!!*
- Every Citizen's *1<sup>st</sup>*-choice vote is an 'honest' vote for their 'true' *1<sup>st</sup>*-choice! (i.e. no more 'hold your nose' votes for the 'lesser of evils', in a desperate attempt to avoid being ruled by the 'more evil' party).
- **Perfect Proportional Representation (PPR)** is achieved—with no distortion—by directly using all Citizens' 'honest' *1<sup>st</sup>*-choice votes as the source of each party's voting power in Parliament!
- If a Citizen's *1<sup>st</sup>*-choice candidate is defeated, their vote is *not* wasted:
  - Their *1<sup>st</sup>*-choice is reassigned to an elected MP from the same party (within their province/region where possible)—and this vote will be cast by that MP and counted in every vote of Parliament!
  - Their *2<sup>nd</sup>* and *3<sup>rd</sup>*-choices may still be important in electing the local MP (could be a 'strategic' vote).
- The MP for every riding is the 'rightful' democratic winner supported by a *majority* of voters.
- The Government is always the 'rightful' winner with the *most* total votes.
- Because **PPR 123 wastes no votes** and is **absolutely fair to all voters, candidates and parties**, it eliminates the problems of 'vote splitting' (i.e. where two similar parties cause each other's defeat) and the 'spoiler effect' (i.e. where the winner is changed by a candidate who has no chance of winning).
- Perfect Proportional Representation is achieved without the usual problems of PR (e.g.: 'party lists'; imperfect proportionality; complex ballots; enlarged ridings or multi-member districts; more MPs).
- **PPR's** vote reassignment (for *defeated* candidates) can be designed to provide additional benefits:
  - Representation for the Government (or Official Opposition) if they are shutout in a province.
  - More balanced demographic representation (e.g. gender parity).