

Reference:

Article VI, Section 8

Ballot Title:

Voter Option of "NONE OF THE ABOVE" at General Election

Ballot Summary:

This amendment recognizes the voter interest in electoral choice by allowing voters to select "None of the Above" at the general election for most offices, and under certain circumstances to compel a secondary election with new candidates for offices for which "None of the Above" wins the general election.

Full Text:

Section 8. "None of the Above"; Secondary Elections.—

When voters deem the choice of candidates at general elections to be unacceptable, voters shall have the choice to vote for "None of the Above" and cause secondary elections.

(1) Every general election ballot shall contain an additional line placed at the end of the group of lines containing the names of candidates for each elective office, except President and Vice President and electors therefor. Each additional line shall contain a place at which the voter may choose that line as the voter would select a candidate, and the additional line shall read, "None of the Above".

(2) If "None of the Above" receives a majority of votes in an election with one candidate for an office, or a plurality of votes in an election with multiple candidates for an office, then no candidate shall be declared the winner; a secondary election shall be called by the responsible elections officer. Candidates defeated by "None of the Above" shall be ineligible for the secondary election. The day for secondary elections shall be the thirty-fifth day after the general election.

(3) The legislature shall enact reasonable, equitable laws necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Secondary elections shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast.