

LIMITED VOTING

In limited voting, voters either cast fewer votes than the number of seats, or political parties nominate fewer candidates than there are seats. The greater the difference between the number of seats and the number of votes, the greater the opportunities for fair representation.

For example, in a **5-seat city council race**, voters could be limited to two, three, or four votes. Winning candidates are determined by a simple plurality (whichever five candidates get the most votes). **Versions of limited voting are used** in Washington (DC), Philadelphia (PA), Hartford (CT), some North Carolina and Alabama municipalities, and some other local jurisdictions. It has been used to resolve at least 25 Voting Rights Act cases. Limited voting can easily work on all current voting equipment.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES [options under a limited voting system]

