

We need your help!

**★★★ Three things
you can do :**

1. Call your local Town

Councilors – Ask them to pass the resolution to eliminate the straight party vote and send it to the State House

2. Call your local Rep and

Senator– Ask them to support House Bill 5318 by Reps. Newberry and Marcello, and Senate Bill 80 by Sen. Bates

3. Call Leadership – Ask for

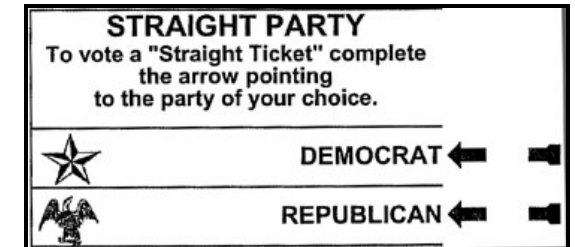
passage of H5318 and S80
House Speaker Murphy 222-2466
House Majority Leader Fox 222-2447
House Minority Leader Watson 222-2259
Senate President Paiva Weed 222-6655
Senate Majority Leader Connors 222-3310.
Senate Minority Leader Algieri 222-2708

**Contact information for elected officials
can be found at
www.sec.state.ri.us/govtracker/**

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**Do you really know
who you voted for
in the last election?**

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***Maybe not,
if you voted
straight party !!***

Your Vote may not have counted in your local elections for Town Councils or School Committee

If you voted only straight party:

- ✓ *You didn't vote in any nonpartisan races or for any independent candidates*
- ✓ *You didn't cast a vote for a complete number of candidates if your party was offering less than the possible number for an office*

And...

- ✓ *If you made any other marks for these races, without marking all your chosen candidates, you cancelled your previous choices without even knowing!!*

Unlike our prior voting machines, our current optical scanning system does not show who you voted for when you mark the straight party lever. Voters may inadvertently miss voting for those they wanted to, and not know it.

These non-partisan Good Government groups want to eliminate the Straight Party Ballot:

- ★ *Common Cause Rhode Island*
- ★ *League of Women Voters of Rhode Island*
- ★ *Operation Clean Government*
- ★ *Rhode Island Statewide Coalition*

And...

Town Councils are passing resolutions requesting its elimination

Now is the time to join them and make EVERY VOTE COUNT!

What are other states doing?

Only 16 other states have straight party voting
Rhode Island is the only State in New England that holds on to this practice!!!

Good Government depends on informed and thoughtful voters, not just single marks on ballots! Surely it's not too much to ask people to vote individually for people they put into office.

→ Voters would lose nothing if the straight party vote were eliminated. They could still vote a straight party ticket, one candidate at a time.

Make Every Vote Count was responsible for brochure printing
For more information call 439-9623