Limited Preferential Voting is the new way to vote in National Elections

You are now required to vote for your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice.

- Write a number 1 in the box beside the candidate who is your first choice.
- Write a number 2 in the box beside the candidate who is your second choice.
- Write a number 3 in the box beside the candidate who is your third choice.
This is how your vote is counted.

These six people are our candidates. A candidate can only be declared the winner when they have an absolute majority, which means more than half of all the formal votes counted. 1000 votes have been counted in our sample ballot, which means a candidate must get more than 500 votes to win.

First, all the number ones, or the voters first choice, are distributed and then counted.

If no one has reached an absolute majority the next step is the candidate who got the smallest number of votes is eliminated. The second choices shown on this candidates ballot papers are now counted by distributing them to the respective candidates still in the count.

Once again if no one has reached an absolute majority, the next candidate who has the least number of votes is eliminated, and the 2nd choices are now counted. If there are any votes here from the first candidate to be eliminated, the 3rd choices are now counted.

This distribution of preferences continues until one candidate wins with an absolute majority, which means more than half of all the formal votes counted. Joseph Blue is our winner, with 505 votes, which is more than half the votes counted.