**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 696

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Ung, Louis, Restler, Hudson, Joseph, Nurse, Williams, Bottcher, Hanif, Stevens, Velázquez, Cabán, Avilés, Farías, Gutiérrez, De La Rosa, Ayala, Krishnan, Powers, Brewer, Ossé, Menin, Sanchez, Riley, Narcisse, Lee, Won, Brannan and Dinowitz

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the design of the ballot and content of ballot instructions for ranked choice elections

**Bill Summary:**

**This plain language summary is for informational purposes only and does not substitute for legal counsel. For more information, you should review the full text of the bill, which is available online at legistar.council.nyc.gov.**

This bill would simplify the ballot instructions for ranked choice voting elections. The bill would also improve the layout of ranked choice ballots by ensuring that (1) contests on the same ballot page are separated from one another using a bold black line, (2) non-English text can be easily compared to the corresponding English text, (3) each language on the ballot is clearly separated and visually distinct, and (4) to the extent practicable, instructions regarding ranked choice voting appear in black font on a white background.

**Effective Date:**

Immediately

**Legislative Impact:**

[ ]  **Agency Rulemaking Required**: Is City agency rulemaking required?

[ ]  **Report Required**: Is a report due to Council required?

[ ]  **Sunset Date Included**: Does the legislation have a sunset date?

[ ]  **Council Appointment Required**: Is an appointment by the Council required?

[ ]  **Other Appointment Required**: Are other appointments not by the Council required?

**Note:** In the full bill text online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language in proposed consolidated laws that is enclosed by [brackets] would be deleted, and language that is underlined would be new. Language in proposed unconsolidated laws, in contrast, will not have brackets or underlining because it would be entirely new. Consolidation means that the law would be placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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