

Second Time's a Charm? Effect of Repeated Voting on Portugal's Legislative Elections Turnover

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Abstract

The 2022 Legislative Elections in Portugal were the first in history in which a segment of the population had to vote twice. Following a controversy regarding the correct procedure to count ballots from overseas residents in Europe as valid, the Constitutional Court ordered the repetition of the vote for Portuguese citizens residing in Europe - a district which elects two MPs.¹ Exploiting homogeneity between overseas Portuguese voters in Europe and those in the rest of the world, we show how the repetition of the election affected voting turnover and election outcomes.

¹<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/portuguese-voters-abroad-recast-ballots-after-election-mess-up-2022-02-17/>