

Proposal Name:

Preserve Privacy During Voting Period

Proposal Category:

Process

Abstract

Hide vote count and totals only during the voting period to allow voters to make up their mind individually before voting and prevent voter harassment. Everything is revealed at the end of the vote so there is full transparency. This will be tested for two months.

Motivation

There might be instances of AIP authors being unlucky because large holders decided to just follow another large holder or because one large holder decided to vote against the proposal early on thus making it look like the community is against the proposal. In an ideal world we want people to make up their mind about how they want to vote.

This will also stop voter harassment. If an AIP author knows certain wallet owners, this will prevent them from going after them during the voting period to try and get them to change their votes.

[@br00no](#) attempted a very similar version of this [here](#) which failed. The key difference here is that this is a two month trial. After the trial period is over, voting will go back to how it is now. Another AIP will be created towards the end of the testing period to make it permanent. People can vote as per their experience with the system. This is just a trial.

Rationale

We want AIP authors to get a fair shot when voters are considering their AIPs. It's currently too easy to follow the ongoing popular vote. This will be a short term test to see if voters are comfortable with a new voting system.

It's a two month period to ensure that everyone goes through at least a few voting cycles before making up their mind.

Benefit to ApeCoin Ecosystem

It'll give all AIP authors a fair shot at getting proposals passed. This way good projects that get unlucky because a whale voted No

early will not affect the trajectory of the following votes. It will also ensure voters are not harassed during the voting period.

Key Terms

Shielded Voting (from [Snapshot](#)):

You can enable Shielded Voting within your space if you want to enable partial privacy and reduce voter apathy. [...] Shielded Voting is a voting setting in which the voters choices are private during the voting period and get revealed when the proposal closes.

Specifications

Snapshot and it's Shutter Module

Steps to Implement

Update the DAO's voting system to use Shielded Voting for a period of 2 months. The two month period begins on the day the first AIP with shielded voting begins voting. At the end of two months, the voting system will return back to how it is now.

Timeline

This will be implemented for AIPs that are created after

this passes.

Overall Cost

Zero