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It is interesting to me that the Democrats are constantly trying to muddy the waters when it comes to voting processes in the name of convenience. (Motor voter, lowering voting age, ranked choice, mail in voting, early voting, incarcerated felons voting) Ranked choice voting is a scheme to disconnect elections from issues and allow candidates with marginal support from voters to win. It obscures true debates and issue-driven dialogs among candidates and eliminates genuine binary choices between two top-tier candidates. It also disenfranchises voters, because ballots that do not include the two ultimate finalists are cast aside to manufacture a faux majority for the winner. In my opinion this is just another ploy to open our voting system up for manipulation and fraud by relying heavily on software-based equipment. This bill would make audits a disaster. I completely oppose this bill, yet another deterioration of our voting system seeked out by those desperate to hold on to power.

## Here's a thought;

Why don't we clean our voter rolls, provide voting registration only for those engaged in the process and return to in person voting with ID to ensure this sacred process isn't clouded by further manipulation.