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Ranked choice voting is one of the scariest bills to ever be reviewed! It goes against the principles of democracy!

Lawmakers should ban ranked-choice voting at all levels of government.

Ballots in ranked-choice voting elections are more complex than traditional "one-person, one vote" elections. It is an onerous process that leads to corruption.

Exhausted ballots in elections with ranked-choice voting silence voters. Not all votes count. For a voter's voice to fully count in every round of an RCV election, he must vote for all candidates on the ballot, even those he does not support. It creates an artificial majority by eliminating the votes of the lowest-scoring candidates during successive tabulations.

Districts using ranked-choice voting have lower voter turnout rates.

Ranked-choice voting changes and delays the election counting process.

SB 506 requires Secretary of State to create and staff division to assist counties that adopt ranked-choice voting in purchasing compatible computers, voting machines and vote tally systems, which would be expensive for counties. And the state's election computer system is hackable admitted by the AG, so it opens up another level of fraud.

Rank-choice voting is an instant runoff system that neutralizes the people's will. The ballots continue to be counted until one candidate has the majority of votes. Too many choices distorts the method and ends up not reflecting voters' choice. There is total reliance on computer programming, without a way to audit the results.

Ranked choice voting is the opposite of a free and fair election process established in the United States.

Please see attached article with examples and references for more insight.

https://thefga.org/research/ranked-choice-voting-a-disaster-in-disguise/

Thank you for opposing this awful legislation!