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I'm in strong opposition to HB 3166

In the recent November election, voters made their voices heard by rejecting the measure that would have introduced ranked choice voting in our elections. This decision reflects the concerns many of us have about the practicality, fairness, and transparency of ranked choice voting.

Ranked choice voting may sound appealing in theory, but it complicates the voting process, making it more difficult for voters to understand how their choices are ultimately counted. The system requires voters to rank candidates in order of preference, which can be confusing, particularly for those who are not familiar with the process or who may not have the time or resources to fully engage with it.

Moreover, ranked choice voting could lead to less straightforward election outcomes. Instead of focusing on the candidate with the most direct support, the process involves complex calculations that can result in a winner who may not have the broadest base of support. This could erode confidence in the legitimacy of the results and further contribute to voter disengagement.

Additionally, implementing ranked choice voting could impose unnecessary costs on local governments, requiring changes to voting infrastructure, staff training, and public education efforts. At a time when many communities are already struggling with budget constraints, these expenses could divert attention from other important priorities.

Voters have clearly expressed their preference, and their decision should be respected. The current voting system has served us well for many years, ensuring clarity and simplicity in electing our leaders. Ranked choice voting is an unnecessary and overly complicated change that would not improve the democratic process but instead make it more difficult for voters to participate fully and fairly.

Let us focus on improving the system we have, ensuring that all voices are heard without the added complexity and confusion that ranked choice voting would bring.

Respectfully,
Jessica Davidson