

HB0215 OPPOSE/WITHDRAW

Elections - Ranked-Choice Voting in Contests for Presidential Nomination and Certification of Election-Supporting Technology

Dear Committee Members:

This bill is a direct assault on one person one vote.

Forcing voters to choose anyone but their first choice is disenfranchising voters.

Choosing the candidate who has the priorities and values that align with mine is my right.

The second, third, fourth...etc... choice may not have any of the priorities or values that reflect my priorities or values.

Rank-Choice Voting is flat-out undemocratic. It will create the tyranny of the mediocre. Anyone with innovative ideas will be denied public office in favor of the banal establishment choice. This bill is a democracy killer.

WITH RANKED-CHOICE VOTING, NOT ALL VOTES COUNT

Maine's 2nd Congressional District 2018 Democratic Primary:

Although a total of 126,139 votes were cast, only 117,250 votes counted towards the final round.

This means that approximately seven percent of voters-nearly 9,000 people-had their voices silenced by ballot exhaustion.

San Francisco, California's 2010 Board Of Supervisors General Election:

After 20 rounds of tabulations, 53 percent of ballots had been exhausted, and only 8,200 ballots contributed towards the final results. More ballots were thrown out than were counted.

This blatant disenfranchising of voters is unacceptable!

Withdraw this bill!

Best regards,



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