

Testimony Against SB0236

Honorable Senators

Please enter an unfavorable decision about SB0236.

I am opposed to

- Requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for the review, certification, and decertification of election-supporting technology and to review and evaluate election-supporting technology on or before January 1 each year; and
- requiring that the regulations be adopted by December 1, 2026

The bill defines election supporting technology that allows and supports Ranked Choice Voting.

Article – Election Law 16 9–107.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “ELECTION–SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY” MEANS ANY EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY THAT IS:

(I) COMPATIBLE WITH A METHOD OF CASTING AND TABULATING VOTES IN WHICH VOTERS RANK CANDIDATES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE AND VOTES ARE TABULATED IN A MANNER THAT REFLECTS VOTER PREFERENCE;

Ranked Choice Voting is not the panacea to better elections as many supporters claim and it is difficult to audit the results of an RCV election.

If one wants RCV elections, enter a bill that has RCV in the title instead of using a back-door approach.

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