

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2562

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of ranked choice voting in a District of Columbia election, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2025

Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
5 One Vote One Choice Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RANKED CHOICE VOTING WITH**
2 **RESPECT TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELEC-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Title III of the Help America
5 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating sections 305 and 306 as
7 sections 306 and 307, respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after section 304 the following
9 new section:

10 **“SEC. 305. PROHIBITING THE USE OF RANKED CHOICE VOT-**
11 **ING WITH RESPECT TO A DISTRICT OF CO-**
12 **LUMBIA ELECTION.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The District of Columbia may
14 not carry out a District of Columbia election using a sys-
15 tem of ranked choice voting under which each voter shall
16 rank the candidates for the office in the order of the vot-
17 er’s preference.

18 “(b) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTION DEFINED.—
19 In this section, the term ‘District of Columbia election’
20 means any election for public office in the District of Co-
21 lumbia, including an election for Federal office, and any
22 ballot initiative or referendum.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-
24 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of the Help America Vote Act
25 of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21111) is amended by striking “303,
26 and 304” and inserting “303, 304, and 305”.

1 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
2 of such Act is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
4 tions 305 and 306 as relating to sections 306 and
5 307, respectively; and

6 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
7 tion 304 the following new item:

“Sec. 305. Prohibiting the use of ranked choice voting with respect to a Dis-
trict of Columbia election.”.

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