

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1706

By: Representative McCollum

By: Senator Hester

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTIONS; TO
PROHIBIT RANKED CHOICE VOTING; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTIONS;
AND TO PROHIBIT RANKED CHOICE VOTING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

7-1-116. Ranked choice voting prohibited.

(a) As used in this section, "ranked choice voting" means a voting method that:

(1) Allows a voter to rank candidates for an office in order of preference; and

(2) Has the ballots cast tabulated in multiple rounds following the elimination of a candidate until a single candidate attains a majority vote.

(b) Ranked choice voting shall not be used to determine the election or nomination of a candidate to any local, state, or federal elective office in this state.

(c) An existing or future ordinance enacted or adopted by a county, a municipality, or other local governmental entity that is in conflict with this section is void.

(d) This section shall not apply to a qualified elector who is



entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20301 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025, or who votes as a member of the uniformed services of the United States or a citizen residing outside the United States under § 7-5-406.