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By Senator Orr

RFD: County and Municipal Government

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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, certain counties and municipalities conduct elections using a ranked-choice voting method.

Also under existing law, electors who vote by absentee ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act are permitted to use a ranked-choice voting method under certain circumstances.

This bill would prohibit the use of any ranked-choice voting method in elections except for electors who vote by absentee ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to elections; to add Sections 11-46-10 and 17-1-6 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to prohibit the use of any ranked-choice voting method in elections except for electors who vote by absentee ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 11-46-10 and 17-1-6 are added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§11-46-10

(a) Ranked-choice voting shall not be used in determining the election or nomination of any candidate to any local office.

(b) As used in this section, the term "ranked-choice voting" means a voting method that allows electors to rank candidates for an office in order of preference and tabulates ballots cast in multiple rounds following the elimination of a candidate until a single candidate attains a majority.

(c) This section shall supersede any provision in this title that conflicts with this section.

(d) This section shall not apply to electors who are entitled to vote absentee ballot under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20301, et seq.

§17-1-6

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

(b) As used in this section, the term "ranked-choice voting" means a voting method that allows electors to rank candidates for an office in order of preference and tabulates ballots cast in multiple rounds following the elimination of a candidate until a single candidate attains a majority.

(c) This section shall not apply to electors who are

entitled to vote absentee ballot under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20301, et seq.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2024.