

**SB186 INTRODUCED**



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3 By Senator Orr  
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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.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

32 §11-46-10

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

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

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

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

47 §17-1-6

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

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

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58 and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20301,  
59 et seq.

60 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
61 1, 2024.