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SB368

Proponent

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Senate Federal & State Affairs Committee,

I am submitting my testimony in being a proponent of SB368. I highly oppose any form of Ranked Choice Voting in the state of Kansas. One vote should be just that, one vote. Not a partial vote, not a list of your top 3 choices, but one single vote. The person with the most votes wins. It's not a hard concept. Ranked Choice Voting can turn an election into chaos. The statewide popular candidate can wind up losing an election with this method.

Take for example: Say there are three candidates in the race and not one candidate gets 50% plus 1. The candidate with the least amount of votes is eliminated from the race. Here's where it can get chaotic. If a person had chosen the eliminated candidate, then the voter's second choice now becomes their first choice and the votes are recalculated. This recalculation happens until a candidate reaches 50% plus 1. This can possibly allow the person with the second most first place votes to win the election.

After my reading my example above, you are probably scratching your head and are confused as to why this would ever be used. You would be right. People have a hard enough time filling in bubbles on a ballot, why make it harder with voting like this. It's a sham to get a person who is not as popular voted into office. Elections are not hard and this type of voting makes it confusing. Again, its not a hard concept. Voting should be one person, one vote.

Keep Kansas elections safe and fair. Again, I am voicing my support of bill SB368.

Respectfully,

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