

Date: 1-30-2024

Bill Number: SB368

Disposition: **Support this bill**

Conferee: Gregory J. Seiler DVM

Spokesperson for a group of small business owners signed below that work in and around Wichita

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Our support of this bill is based on our desire to prohibit all Ranked-Choice Voting in our state and to have Kansas Legislature establish proactively all election law Statues such that our elections are as fair and secure as possible for all voters.

Rank-Choice Voting has been and is being tested at different levels of governmental jurisdictions. On the surface this looks like a very workable and fair method to fill elected positions. Ranked-Choice Voting proponents say a candidate needs a majority to win an election however if a candidate does not receive a majority of votes in the first round less than 40% of candidates that get elected by this method actually receive a majority of the votes. This is because there are so many exhausted votes that are not counted so many voters are disenfranchised and wasted their time voting. It is a complex system for elections that have more than two candidates. Voters would have to study every candidate before an election in order to make an orderly ranking when most voters know 1 or 2, maybe 3 at best. Then one incorrect procedure when ranking the candidates results in their ballot being exhausted and not counted. ACLU testimony to the Kansas Special Committee on elections 10-27-2017 said: Ranked-Choice Voting has suppressed voter turnout due to the increased complexities and the increased study of the candidates required to rank them on the ballot. Voters that have a low propensity to vote will be even less likely to vote. The Maine Heritage Policy Center found that 16.84% of the time Ranked-Choice Voting resulted in a different outcome than Plurality Voting that we currently use. Ranked-Choice Voting has been tried and removed at enough government levels in our country that you will pass SB368 and protect all the voters of Kansas.

The above information and much more is in a 40 page report called, A False Majority: The Failed Experiment of Ranked-Choice Voting / August 2019 put out by: The Maine Heritage Policy Center which is found online: [mainepolicy.org>project>false-majority](http://mainepolicy.org/project/false-majority).

Thank You for your consideration,

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