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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thompson
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 1, 2024

Subject: SB 368 – Prohibiting the use of ranked-choice voting methods.

Senate Bill No. 368 (SB 368) would prohibit the use of any form of ranked-choice voting method for determining the results of any election or nomination in any federal, state, county or other municipal election. Current state law does not provide for ranked-choice voting methods for either primary or general elections.

SB 368 defines “ranked-choice voting” as a form of voting that allows voters to rank two or more candidates in order of preference and tabulates the ballots in multiple rounds with the elimination of the lowest vote receiving candidate after each round until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

The bill also nullifies any local ordinance, resolution or regulation adopted prior to July 1, 2024, that is prohibited by the act.

If enacted, SB 368 would become effective on July 1, 2024.