

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1459

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that States should reconsider implementing ranked choice voting systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LOPEZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

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Whereas ranked choice voting forces voters to make a determination for every candidate instead of simply voting for their favorite, thus complicating the election process;

Whereas a voter's first choice vote may end up thrown out if their candidate receives the lowest number of first choice votes;

Whereas the possibility that a vote doesn't count creates disenfranchisement with the electoral process;

Whereas ranked choice voting requires multiple rounds until a candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote, prolonging the time it takes to complete the election;

Whereas the complicated process leads to voter confusion;

Whereas the increase in voting rounds may lead to counting errors;

Whereas ranked choice voting has been banned by the States of Florida, Tennessee, South Dakota, Montana, and Idaho;

Whereas candidates who would have won under traditional election rules have been shown to lose under the ranked choice voting system; and

Whereas implementing ranked choice voting systems on a large scale would require hefty financial investment to update voting equipment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives believes
 2 States attempting to implement ranked choice voting sys-
 3 tems on a wide scale should evaluate the underlying agen-
 4 da that is driving the implementation of ranked choice vot-
 5 ing systems.

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