

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3704

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using ranked choice voting to carry out an election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2023

Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. LANGWORTHY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “One Vote One Choice
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING STATES FROM USING RANKED**
2 **CHOICE VOTING IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS.**

3 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Subtitle A of title III of the
4 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.)
5 is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating sections 304 and 305 as
7 sections 305 and 306, respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after section 303 the following
9 new section:

10 **“SEC. 304. PROHIBITING STATES FROM THE USE OF**
11 **RANKED CHOICE VOTING WITH RESPECT TO**
12 **AN ELECTION FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.**

13 “A State may not carry out an election for Federal
14 office in the State using a system of ranked choice voting
15 under which each voter shall rank the candidates for the
16 office in the order of the voter’s preference.”.

17 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-**
18 **FORCEMENT.**—Section 401 of the Help America Vote Act
19 of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21111) is amended by striking “and
20 303” and inserting “303, and 304”.

21 (c) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents
22 of such Act is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
24 tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and
25 306, respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
2 tion 303 the following new item:

 “Sec. 304. Prohibiting States from the use of ranked choice voting with respect
 to an election for Federal office.”.

3 (d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply with respect to elections held on
5 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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