



Date of Testimony: Thursday, February 1, 2024

Bill Number: SB 368 - Prohibiting the use of any form of ranked-choice voting method for the conduct of elections.

Disposition: Opponent; Written and Virtual Testimony

From: Cille King, League of Women Voters of Kansas, Advocacy Chair

To: Chair Senator Thompson and members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

The League opposes SB 368 which would prohibit ranked choice voting in Kansas. At the national level, the League supports changing how we vote in local and state elections to Ranked Choice Voting because it is a fairer way of representing the preferences of a majority of the voters in that jurisdiction.

Under the current system whoever gets the most votes wins. That means that if there are multiple candidates (say five) a proposal or candidate who gets the most votes, even if only 20% + 1, wins; even though 79 percent of the voters do not want that outcome. This is a recipe for the dominance of motivated, extremist minorities.

Ranked Choice Voting is not new and is used in some form in 17 states. Two tabulation companies support Ranked Choice Voting, and a third has submitted it's proposal for approval.

We ask that you vote NO on SB 368 and allow our cities, counties, state and other jurisdictions to provide the most representative way to choose our elected officials

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