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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2561

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2025

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

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## 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 305 and 306 as  
7 sections 306 and 307, respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after section 304 the following  
9 new section:

10 **“SEC. 305. 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 “303,  
20 and 304” and inserting “303, 304, and 305”.

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 305 and 306 as relating to sections 306 and  
25 307, respectively; and

1           (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
2           tion 304 the following new item:

          “Sec. 305. 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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