Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 829 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	
2	95th General Assembly	**A Bill**
3	Regular Session, 2025	HOUSE BILL 1706

5 By: Representative McCollum

6 By: Senator Hester

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTIONS; TO

10 PROHIBIT RANKED CHOICE VOTING; AND FOR OTHER

11 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTIONS;

16 AND TO PROHIBIT RANKED CHOICE VOTING.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended

21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 7-1-116. Ranked choice voting prohibited.

23 (a) As used in this section, "ranked choice voting" means a voting

24 method that:

25 (1) Allows a voter to rank candidates for an office in order of

26 preference; and

27 (2) Has the ballots cast tabulated in multiple rounds following

28 the elimination of a candidate until a single candidate attains a majority

29 vote.

30 (b) Ranked choice voting shall not be used to determine the election

31 or nomination of a candidate to any local, state, or federal elective office

32 in this state.

33 (c) An existing or future ordinance enacted or adopted by a county, a

34 municipality, or other local governmental entity that is in conflict with

35 this section is void.

36 (d) This section shall not apply to a qualified elector who is

1 entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens

2 Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20301 et seq., as it existed on January 1,

3 2025, or who votes as a member of the uniformed services of the United States

4 or a citizen residing outside the United States under § 7-5-406.

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