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This bill established ranked-choice voting counting first and second choices for federal and state elections, and non-home charter counties. Becomes operative on January 1, 2023. This method gives a voter first and second choice so if the first choice is eliminated by receiving the fewest votes, the voters second choice becomes their vote. In effect, it gives that voter two votes. In contrast, the person voting for the top candidates on the ballot only gets one vote.

Rank Choice voting makes it impossible to see the winner by simply tallying the votes unless one person wins by majority. Instead every vote has an alternate vote depending on the overall tally. It requires some gymnastics inside the tabulator requiring special software, but provides no funding for the special tabulator software required.. In the past you would have had one set of winners followed by a run off election if there was a 2 part election. This tries to do it all in one election and is very confusing to the electors. It will disrupt confidence in the election process.

One election may save election cost, but the system is more vulnerable to fraud and error in each round of recount. This bill is a clear and present danger to the integrity of our election system.