

SB-33

Establishing Ranked Choice Voting (Also known as Instant Runoff Voting), as the new system for all national elections for the purpose of making Third-Party candidates viable, deescalating polarization, and disincentivizing negative campaigning.

IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Meggison of Iowa introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Voter Freedom Act".

SECTION 2. Establishing Instant Runoff Elections

To work towards an end to polarization and increase voter freedom, Ranked Choice Voting/Instant Runoff Elections will be used in each state for Senators and Representatives to Congress, in addition to the Presidential election.

"(a) Ranked Choice Voting -- Each State must and will carry out elections for the office of Senator,

the office of Representative in Congress, and the office of President of the United States including special and general elections for such office, using a system of ranked choice voting (also known as instant runoff voting) under which each voter shall rank the candidates for the office in the order of the voter's preference, in accordance with this title.

"(b) Ballot Design -- Each State must and will ensure that the ballot used in an election carried out using a system of ranked choice voting under this title meets each of the following requirements:

"(1) The ballot must and will include all qualified candidates for the election. If possible, the ballot will permit voters to rank every candidate in the election. If it is not realistic for the ballot to permit voters to rank every candidate, the State may limit the number of candidates who may be ranked on the ballot to no fewer than 5.

"(2) The ballot must and will be simple and easy to understand, including easy to understand directions to enable all voters to successfully cast their ballot.

SECTION 3. VOTE COUNTING PROCESS

"(a) In General.--

"(1) CRITERIA FOR ELECTION -- a candidate will be elected to the office of Senator, the office of Representative in Congress, or receive the states or Congressional districts electoral votes for President of the United States if--

"(A) the candidate receives a number of votes greater than 50 percent of the number of ballots cast in the election; or

"(B) if the election official carries out additional rounds of counting under subsection (b), the candidate receives the greatest number of votes of the two remaining candidates

"(b) Process In Case No Candidate Elected Under Initial Counting --

"(1) ADDITIONAL ROUNDS OF COUNTING-- If, under the initial counting of ballots, no candidate is elected to office under the criteria described in subsection (a)(2)(A), the election official will carry out additional rounds of counting in accordance with paragraph (2) until only 2 candidates

remain.

"(2) TREATMENT OF BALLOTS IN ADDITIONAL ROUNDS -- In each additional round of tabulation carried out under this subsection--

"(A) the candidate receiving the fewest number of votes among all candidates will be treated as a defeated candidate;

"(B) for each ballot cast for a defeated candidate, the election official shall determine the highest-ranked candidate on the ballot who isn't defeated; and

"(C) the vote cast on the ballot shall be transferred to, and added to the total number of votes received by, the highest-ranked candidate determined under subparagraph (B).

SECTION 4. TREATMENT OF TIES BETWEEN CANDIDATES

"If a tie occurs between candidates with the greatest number of votes or the fewest number of votes at any point in the counting of ballots under this part and the counting cannot proceed until the tie is resolved, the tie will be resolved in accordance with State law.

SECTION 5. PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

"(a) Payments -- No later than November 9th, 2022, the Committee will make a payment to each State of--

"(1) in the case of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, \$1,000,000; or

"(2) in the case of any other State, the sum of \$750,000 and the product of--

"(A) the number of Representatives to which the State is entitled to and

"(B) \$250,000

"(b) Use Of Funds - A State shall use the payment made under subsection (a) to implement ranked

choice voting under this subtitle, including educating voters on Ranked Choice Voting