

Senate Bill 175

By: Senators Robertson of the 29th, Beach of the 21st, Brass of the 6th, Goodman of the 8th, Hodges of the 3rd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding elections and primaries, so as to prohibit the use of
3 ranked-choice voting; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for a definition; to provide
4 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions regarding elections and primaries, is amended by adding a new Code
9 section to read as follows:

10 "21-2-20.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'ranked-choice voting' means a voting method
12 that allows electors to rank candidates for an office in order of preference and has ballots
13 cast be tabulated in multiple rounds following the elimination of a candidate until a single
14 candidate attains a majority.

15 (b) Ranked-choice voting shall not be used in determining the election or nomination of
16 any candidate to any local, state, or federal elective office.

17 (c) This Code section shall not apply to electors who are entitled to vote absentee ballots
18 under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C.
19 Section 20301, et seq., as amended."

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SECTION 2.

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.