

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 639**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Elections

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to elections; prohibiting political subdivisions from establishing or  
1.3 enforcing ranked-choice voting; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes, chapter 204B.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[204B.50] RANKED-CHOICE VOTING; PROHIBITION.**

1.7 (a) The following political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce in any manner a rule,  
1.8 resolution, charter provision, or ordinance establishing ranked-choice voting as a method  
1.9 of voting, or any voting method similar to ranked-choice voting, for local offices within the  
1.10 political subdivision:

1.11 (1) home rule charter or statutory cities;

1.12 (2) counties;

1.13 (3) townships; and

1.14 (4) school districts.

1.15 (b) For purposes of this section, "ranked-choice voting" means any election method in  
1.16 which a voter ranks or assigns a numerical value to candidates for an office in order of the  
1.17 voter's preference.

1.18 (c) Any rule, resolution, charter provision, or ordinance inconsistent with this section is  
1.19 void.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
1.21 applies to elections on or after that date.