

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4493

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of ranked choice voting in a District of Columbia election, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 6, 2023

Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Ms. TENNEY) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia  
5       One Vote One Choice Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RANKED CHOICE VOTING WITH**  
7                       **RESPECT TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELEC-**  
8                       **TIONS.**

9       (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Title III of the Help America  
10      Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating sections 304 and 305 as  
2           sections 305 and 306, respectively; and

3           (2) by inserting after section 303 the following  
4           new section:

5   **“SEC. 304. PROHIBITING THE USE OF RANKED CHOICE VOT-**  
6                           **ING WITH RESPECT TO A DISTRICT OF CO-**  
7                           **LUMBIA ELECTION.**

8           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The District of Columbia may  
9           not carry out a District of Columbia election using a sys-  
10          tem of ranked choice voting under which each voter shall  
11          rank the candidates for the office in the order of the vot-  
12          er’s preference.

13          “(b) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTION DEFINED.—  
14          In this section, the term ‘District of Columbia election’  
15          means any election for public office in the District of Co-  
16          lumbia, including an election for Federal office, and any  
17          ballot initiative or referendum.”.

18          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-  
19          FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of the Help America Vote Act  
20          of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21111) is amended by striking “and  
21          303” and inserting “303, and 304”.

22          (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
23          of such Act is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-  
2           tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and  
3           306, respectively; and

4           (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
5           tion 303 the following new item:

“Sec. 304. Prohibiting the use of ranked choice voting with respect to a Dis-  
trict of Columbia election.”.

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