

# SENATE BILL No. 12

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-5.

**Synopsis:** Prohibition of ranked choice voting. Prohibits the use of ranked choice voting.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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**Doriot, Garten, Gaskill, Rogers,  
Byrne**

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December 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 3-5-2.1-87.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 87.5. "Ranked choice voting"**  
4 **refers to a system of voting that:**

5           **(1) allows a voter to rank to each candidate on a ballot for a**  
6 **particular office in an order of preference; and**

7           **(2) tabulates each ballot in multiple rounds following the**  
8 **elimination of a candidate;**

9 **until a single candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.**

10       SECTION 2. IC 3-5-4-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
11 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
12 1, 2026]: **Sec. 16. The following apply to an election conducted**  
13 **under this title:**

14           **(1) An election may not be determined by ranked choice**  
15 **voting.**

16           **(2) A candidate may not be nominated for or elected to an**  
17 **office by means of ranked choice voting.**

