



February 12, 2026

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 12

DIGEST OF SB 12 (Updated February 11, 2026 11:20 am - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 3-5.

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

Effective: July 1, 2026.

**Doriot, Garten, Gaskill, Rogers,
Byrne, Baldwin, Clark, Buck, Raatz,
Freeman, Dernulc, Holdman, Goode,
Glick, Leising, Young M, Brown L,
Johnson T, Koch, Tomes, Alexander**
(HOUSE SPONSORS — WESCO, LAWSON, BARTELS)

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

January 12, 2026, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 15, 2026, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

January 20, 2026, read third time, passed. Yeas 38, nays 9.

HOUSE ACTION

January 28, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

February 12, 2026, reported — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Elections, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 12, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 12 as introduced.)

GASKILL, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections and Apportionment, to which was referred Senate Bill 12, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 12 as printed January 13, 2026.)

WESCO

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 4

