



Freedom Principle MO Applauds House of Representatives For Passing HJR 66 Prohibiting Rank Choice and Approval Voting

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The Freedom Principle MO is applauding the House of Representatives for passing HJR 66, sponsored by Representative Ben Baker (Dist. 160). HJR 66 is a proposed Constitutional amendment prohibiting the implementation of rank choice or approval voting in Missouri. “We are glad to see the House has passed this important proposed Constitutional amendment,” said Byron Keelin, President of the Freedom Principle MO. “We hope the Senate will immediately take up this bill and pass it so it can be voted on before the November 2024 elections.”

The Freedom Principle MO has been working with the legislature for the last two years to get this proposed amendment passed. “We were successful in getting a similar bill HJR 30 passed last year in the House, but it died in the Senate because of a lack of a vote,” said Keelin.

Rank choice voting advocates are once again gearing up to gather signatures to get the proposal on the November 2024 ballot. The effort is being led by a group called Better Elections MO. Better Elections MO failed to get rank choice voting on the 2022 November ballot. The group was led by former Missouri GOP Executive Director John Hancock and funded by an out-of-state dark money group called Article IV.

Another group called Missouri Agrees, financed by former Senator Jack Danforth, and organized by former State Representative Shamed Dogan (Ballwin) has filed papers seeking to gather signatures to put Approval Voting on the ballot in 2024. “We don’t know why these Big Government Republicans feel a need to interfere in our elections other than to dilute the growing conservative voices in Jefferson City,” said Keelin.

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“Our election process was shaken to its core in 2020 and we saw in November 2022 the disaster that happened in Alaska when they implemented Rank Choice Voting. It took months to determine a winner.”

HJR 66 would prohibit non-citizens from voting in Missouri elections and voters would have to vote for a single candidate or issue. The person with the greatest number of votes in the primary will be the respective party’s representative for the general election and the winner with the greatest number of votes in the general election will be declared the winner.

“The right to vote and the right to have that vote counted are essential to election integrity. Missouri residents must have confidence in the electoral systems, processes, and results,” said Keelin. “HJR 66 protects the one-person-one-vote standard and will prevent the efforts of dark money-funded groups like Article IV and Better Elections MO from implementing Rank Choice Voting in Missouri, and we urge the Senate to support this important legislation and immediately bring this to the floor for a vote.”

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