



## 2023 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 55

Introduced by: **Senator Wiik**

1 **An Act to prohibit ranked-choice voting.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That chapter 12-1 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

4 The State Board of Elections may not authorize and a political subdivision may not  
5 adopt or enforce in any manner a rule, resolution, charter provision, or ordinance  
6 establishing a system of voting for any office where:

7 (1) Voters rank candidates in order of preference;

8 (2) Tabulation proceeds in rounds where in each round either a candidate is elected or  
9 the last-place candidate is eliminated;

10 (3) Votes are transferred from elected or eliminated candidates to the voter's next-  
11 ranked candidate in order of preference; and

12 (4) Tabulation ends when a candidate receives the majority of votes cast or the  
13 number of candidates elected equals the number of offices to be filled.