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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RANKED CHOICE VOTING WITH**  
2 **RESPECT TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELEC-**  
3 **TIONS.**

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

6 (1) by redesignating sections 305 and 306 as  
7 sections 306 and 307, respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after section 304 the following  
9 new section:

10 **“SEC. 305. PROHIBITING THE USE OF RANKED CHOICE VOT-**  
11 **ING WITH RESPECT TO A DISTRICT OF CO-**  
12 **LUMBIA ELECTION.**

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

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

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-  
24 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of the Help America Vote Act  
25 of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21111) is amended by striking “303,  
26 and 304” and inserting “303, 304, and 305”.

1           (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
2 of such Act is amended—

3           (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-  
4 tions 305 and 306 as relating to sections 306 and  
5 307, respectively; and

6           (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
7 tion 304 the following new item:

“Sec. 305. Prohibiting the use of ranked choice voting with respect to a Dis-  
trict of Columbia election.”.