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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Prohibition on ranked-choice voting methods -- definition. (1) An election conducted under Title 13 or under Title 20 may not use a ranked-choice voting method to determine the election or nomination of a candidate to a local, state, or federal office.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "ranked-choice voting method" means a voting method that allows voters to rank candidates for an office in order of preference and has ballots cast to be tabulated in multiple rounds following the elimination of a candidate until one candidate reaches a majority of the votes.

Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 13, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 13, chapter 1, part 1, apply to [section 1].

Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill, HB 598, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this _______________________________day of____________________________________, 2023.

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President of the Senate

Signed this _______________________________day of____________________________________, 2023.
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