

HOUSE BILL 1868

By Vaughan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to instant runoff voting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 8, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Instant runoff voting" and "ranked choice voting" mean a method of casting and tabulating votes in which:

(A) Voters rank candidates in order of preference;

(B) Tabulation proceeds in rounds such that in each round either a candidate or candidates are elected or the last-place candidate is defeated;

(C) Votes are transferred from elected or defeated candidates to the voters' next-ranked candidate or candidates in order of preference; and

(D) Tabulation ends when a candidate receives the majority of votes cast or the number of candidates elected equals the number of offices to be filled, as applicable; and

(2) "Local government" means an incorporated city or town, a county, a metropolitan form of government, a school, utility, or other regional or local district, or a unit of government that is governed by one (1) or more elected officials.

(b) A county election commission shall not utilize instant runoff voting or ranked choice voting to conduct an election in this state for a statewide or local government office.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.