HB 27 -- EVERY VOTE COUNTS ACT

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This bill requires federal, state, and local elections to use the instant runoff ranked choice voting method. Voters rank the candidates in an ordinal preference fashion and then the candidate with the lowest total is eliminated and the process is repeated until a result is reached as specified in the bill. Tie votes may be resolved by overall preference rankings, and then a coin toss as specified in the bill. Limits on the number of candidates are allowed for specified local races if ballots cannot accommodate large numbers. Write-in votes will still be allowed.

Current voting equipment will be replaced with ranked choice compatible equipment, and the ranked choice voting method will be implemented by local election authorities when an adequate level of equipment has been purchased.

This bill is similar to HB 1346 (2018).