

As a registered Ohioan voter, I oppose SB 137 because it limits my local community's ability to decide how we want to govern our elections and would violate the principles of Home Rule.

As a community, we have been extremely divided in a local election and it has led to a recent instance where a school board election had two winners and neither of them had won a majority of support. This means that our children's education is being led by officials that the majority of us did not for.

Neither of these officials represent the opinions of my conservative community well and that was mostly because 5 people ran in the school board election and thus splitting the vote. Most voters here would have preferred someone else winning and ranked choice voting could have prevented this situation.

If SB 137 becomes law, it would severely limit our ability to decide how to govern ourselves and would be an effective ban on ranked choice voting. As an Ohioan, a voter, a patriot, and a believer in local choice, I ask that SB 137 be dropped and not make it onto the senate floor.

Thank you for your time.

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