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.
SENATE BILL NO. 1820

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APPROVED this 28th day of February 2022

BILL LEE, GOVERNOR