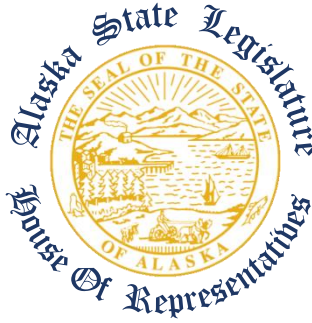


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## **House Bill 1** **Sponsor Statement**

### *“Repeal Ballot Measure 2 Voting CHGS”*

HB1 repeals Rank Choice Voting and returns to how the State previously ran elections. Rank Choice Voting, which was first used in the 2022 elections, was narrowly approved by voters in the 2020 election. That Ballot Measure was sponsored almost entirely by money from special interest groups outside of Alaska. Petitions for ballot measures are only required to gather signatures from 10% of the previous election’s total voter turnout.

The timing of the petition was such that it was first used in the 2022 elections. Following the 2022 election cycle, there has been an enormous outcry to repeal it. Many of the complaints were centered around confusion, not understanding the process, not knowing how to support their candidate in a rank choice environment, scared to vote incorrectly and risk hurting their candidates’ chances to win, and open primaries, also referred to as jungle primaries.

While there are other aspects to the full ballot measure two, there are some items that should stay in effect, and that the courts have ruled unconstitutional if they were to be changed back. Also, there are other portions that attempt to keep dark money out of our election process which were intentionally left out of this legislation, this legislation only effects the rank choice and open primaries part of the new law.

If you have additional questions, please contact Ryan McKee in my office at 907-465-3502.