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On November 5, Missourians state-wide will vote on Amendment 7, put on the ballot by the Missouri legislature. Its primary purpose is to prohibit ranked choice voting (RCV).

For military personnel and others overseas, these states have offered ranked choice voting:

- Arkansas since 2006
- Alabama since 2013
- Georgia since 2022
- Illinois municipalities since 2011
- Louisiana since the 1990s
- Mississippi since 2014
- South Carolina since 2006

Marine combat veteran Josh Daniels explains why this is important:

"When you're serving your country overseas, remaining focused on the mission can be a matter of life and death. There's little time for anything else, including exercising your right to vote. As a Marine combat veteran who served in Iraq, I know how hard it can be to vote while deployed: We must apply for a ballot, receive it in a foreign land, send it back and cross our fingers that it arrives on time. In my experience, many service members are unable to complete this process successfully and have their voices heard.

Now, imagine going through this series of deadlines a second time to vote in a runoff election.

Fortunately, <u>six Southern states</u> adopted an elegant solution that allows service members and their families living overseas to vote on Election Day and in runoffs using just one mailing: ranked choice voting. This simple tool has protected tens of thousands of military voters for years — in some of these states for decades.

RCV works. It's simple and effective, and military members count on it."

Missouri isn't one of the states offering this yet. If Amendment 7 passes, our men and women in uniform won't be allowed to even request such a policy.