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Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · HB604 · 03/02/2023

**4. Prohibiting Ranked-Choice Voting:** Prohibits a ranked-choice voting method from being used to determine the election or nomination of a candidate to a local, state, or federal office. ✗

Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · HB598 · 03/02/2023

**5. Defend the Guard Act:** Would have prevented any member of the Montana National Guard from being deployed for active duty combat without Congress passing an "official declaration of war." ✗

Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · HB527 · 03/02/2023

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