
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 11-151, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "**§11-151 Vote count.** Each contest or question on a ballot
4 shall be counted independently as follows:
- 5 (1) If the votes cast in a contest or question are equal
6 to or less than the number to be elected or chosen for
7 that contest or question, the votes for that contest
8 or question shall be counted;
- 9 (2) If the votes cast in a contest or question exceed the
10 number to be elected or chosen for that contest or
11 question, the votes for that contest or question shall
12 not be counted; and
- 13 (3) If a contest or question requires a majority of the
14 votes for passage, any blank, spoiled, or invalid
15 ballot shall not be tallied for passage or as votes
16 cast [~~except that such ballots shall be counted as~~
17 ~~votes cast in ratification of a constitutional~~



1 ~~amendment or a question for a constitutional~~
2 ~~convention]."~~

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
6 and upon ratification of a constitutional amendment requiring
7 the question for a constitutional convention to be determined by
8 votes tallied.

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Report Title:

Vote Count; Blank and Spoiled Ballots

Description:

Repeals the exception that blank, spoiled, or invalid ballots are counted for passage or as votes cast for ratification of a constitutional amendment or the question whether to convene a constitutional convention.

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