

JAN 20 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-158, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The chief election officer, or the clerk in the case
4 of a county election, shall conduct a hand recount of all
5 [~~votes~~] ballots cast for any office or ballot question in any
6 election if the official tabulation of all of the returns for
7 that office or question reveals that the difference in:

8 (1) The number of [~~votes~~] ballots cast for a candidate
9 apparently qualified for the general election ballot
10 or elected to office and the number of [~~votes~~] ballots
11 cast for the closest apparently defeated opponent; or

12 (2) The number of [~~votes~~] ballots cast in the affirmative
13 for the ballot question and the number of [~~votes~~]
14 ballots cast in the negative for the ballot question,
15 including when applicable, the tabulation of blank
16 [~~votes,~~] ballots,



1 is equal to or less than one hundred [~~votes or~~] ballots, one-
2 quarter of one per cent of the total number of [~~votes~~] ballots
3 cast for the contest, or the margin of error for the tabulation
4 method utilized, whichever is greater."

5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 688

Report Title:

Elections; Ballots; Ballot Questions; Recount

Description:

Specifies that a recount of all ballots cast for any election shall occur if the official tabulation of all of the returns for that office or ballot question reveals that there is a difference equal to or less than one hundred votes, one-quarter of one per cent of the total number of ballots cast for the contest, or the margin of error for the tabulation method utilized, whichever is greater.

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