ACT 54

S.B. NO. 914

A Bill for an Act Relating to Vote Count.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 11-151, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"\$11-151 Vote count. Each contest or question on a ballot shall be counted independently as follows:

(1) If the votes cast in a contest or question are equal to or less than the number to be elected or chosen for that contest or question, the votes for that contest or question shall be counted[.];

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- (2) If the votes cast in a contest or question exceed the number to be elected or chosen for that contest or question, the votes for that contest or question shall not be counted[.]; and
- (3) If a contest or question requires a majority of the votes for passage, any blank, spoiled, or invalid ballot shall not be tallied for passage or as votes cast except that such ballots shall be counted as votes cast in ratification of a constitutional amendment[.] or a question for a constitutional convention."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved April 26, 2000.)