This bill removes preferential voting from ballot tabulation.

ELECTION CODE
ARTICLE IX—BALLOT TABULATION
Section 2—Handling of Incomplete and Invalid Votes

A. A vote shall be declared invalid, and excluded from the counting in a particular race, only if there is not one distinguishable preference, determined according to this section, including if the ballot is blank, either in whole or for a particular race. The invalidity of a vote in one race shall not affect its validity in another race.

B. Valid, but incomplete, ballots shall be considered for the votes that have been cast from further consideration in counting procedure at the point where all or part of the vote’s value must be allocated to its next preference, and there is not further distinguishable preference level.

C. If preferences are skipped on a ballot, lower preferences shall be raised to close the gap. Thus, for a ballot with a first and third but no second preference, the candidate listed as the third preference shall be counted as the second preference.

D. If a particular preference has been assigned to more than one candidate, that preference shall not be counted and shall be treated as skipped preference by the procedure described above.

DATE OF FIRST INTRODUCTION: __April 10, 2013__

SENATE ACTION: ______________________ DATE: ______________________

ASISU PRESIDENT: ______________________ DATE: ______________________

ASISU SECRETARY: ______________________ DATE: ______________________