
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-77, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:
3 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:
4 "(a) Each qualified political party shall be entitled to
5 appoint no more than one watcher who may be present at any time
6 in each precinct and absentee polling place in which the
7 candidates of that political party are on the ballot. Each
8 party shall submit its list of watchers not later than 4:30 p.m.
9 on the [~~tenth~~] twentieth day prior to any election to the chief
10 election officer or to the clerk in county elections. All
11 watchers shall serve without expense to the State or county.
12 All watchers so appointed shall be registered voters. No person
13 shall serve as a watcher unless that person has received
14 instruction and has been certified by the authorized instructor
15 to that effect. No person shall serve as a watcher who could
16 not qualify to serve as a precinct official under [~~+~~]section 11-
17 72(b) (3) [~~+~~]."



1 2. By amending subsection (d) to read:

2 "(d) The watcher shall call the attention of the
3 chairperson to any violations of the election laws that the
4 watcher observes. After the chairperson's attention is called
5 to the violation the chairperson shall make an attempt to
6 correct such violation. If the chairperson fails to correct the
7 violation, the watcher may appeal to the chief election officer
8 or the clerk of the county[-] in county elections."

9 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Election Day; Poll Watchers

Description:

Requires poll watchers to be instructed and certified by an authorized instructor. Requires list of watchers to be submitted 20 rather than 10 days before an election. (HB462 HD1)

