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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION DATE.

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

1   SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii has the last

2 primary election in the nation. Presently, the primary election

3 is held on the second to last Saturday in September, provided

4 there are at least forty-five days between the primary and

5 general election. The legislature also finds that over the

6 years increased federal obligations, mounting legal challenges,

7 and a substantial increase in the utilization of absentee voting

8 have made it especially critical to have more time between the

9 primary and general election.

10   The purpose of this Act is to increase the amount of time

11 between the primary and general election to allow for the

12 increasing federal obligations, mounting legal challenges, and

13 increasing utilization of absentee voting.

14   SECTION 2. Section 12-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

15 amended to read as follows:

16   "**§12-2 Primary held when; candidates only those nominated.**

17 The primary shall be held at the polling place for each precinct

18 on the [~~second to the last Saturday of September~~] second

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1 Saturday in August in every even numbered year[; provided that

2 in no case shall any primary election precede a general election

3 by less than forty-five days].

4   No person shall be a candidate for any general or special

5 general election unless the person has been nominated in the

6 immediately preceding primary or special primary."

7   SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9   SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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                  INTRODUCED BY: _____

                                    BY REQUEST

                                    JAN 2 2 2007

Report Title:
Primary Election Date

Description:
Moves the date of the primary election from the second to the
last Saturday in September to the second Saturday in August of
every even numbered year.