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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 12-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§12-2.5 Nomination papers; when available.** Nomination  
4 papers shall be made available from the first working day of  
5 February in every even-numbered year[; ~~provided that in~~] until  
6 the fifty-eighth calendar day before the filing deadline  
7 provided that if the fifty-eighth day is a Saturday, Sunday, or  
8 holiday then the nomination papers shall be available until the  
9 first working day immediately preceding. In the case of a  
10 special primary or special election, nomination papers shall be  
11 made available at least ten days prior to the close of filing."

12           SECTION 2. Section 12-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

14           "~~+~~(b)~~+~~ If after the close of filing there are no  
15 candidates who have filed nomination papers for an elective  
16 office for the primary, special primary, or any special election  
17 held in conjunction with the primary election, the chief  
18 election officer or clerk, in the case of a county election,




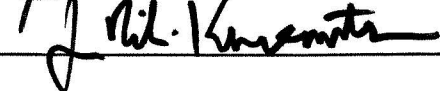
1 shall make nomination papers available and accept nomination  
2 papers for that office not later than 4:30 p.m. on the [~~fiftieth~~  
3 ~~day prior to the primary, special primary, or special election.~~]  
4 third business day following the filing deadline set forth in  
5 subsection (a)."

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Elections; Nomination Papers

**Description:**

Makes nomination papers available until the 58th day prior to the deadline for filing nomination papers. Provides 3 additional business days for candidates to file papers if there are no candidates for an office.

