

JAN 23 2009

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that voter confidence has
2 been shaken by recent voting irregularities in Hawaii and in
3 other states. In order to restore public confidence and to
4 encourage higher participation in the voting process, the
5 legislature believes that every effort should be made to reveal
6 voting results as soon as practicable to the voters in every
7 precinct. The legislature understands that the voting machines
8 used at polling places are capable of printing the totals of the
9 ballots deposited into those machines. This being the case, the
10 legislature finds that there is no reason why results of votes
11 cast at each polling place cannot be printed out and posted at
12 that precinct after the polls are closed.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
14 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
15 read as follows:

16 "§11- Totals of votes cast at each polling place;
17 posting results. Within one hour after a poll has officially



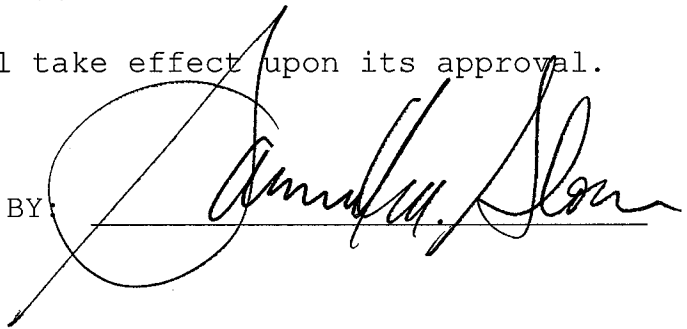
1 closed after each election, the polling place shall post a
2 printout of voting results from that polling place. The printed
3 results shall remain posted for twenty-four hours at a location
4 at or near the polling place where the public has access."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:



Report Title:

Election Results; Precincts to Post

Description:

Requires each polling place to post, for twenty-four hours beginning after the closing of the polls, the precinct results from the voting machines of that polling place.

