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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. The office of elections shall establish a pilot  
2 project to enable Hawaii registered voters living outside the  
3 United States to vote via the Internet. The pilot project shall  
4 be for a period of two election cycles, beginning with the 2010  
5 elections.

6           SECTION 2. (a) The office of elections shall:

- 7           (1) Create and implement an internet voting pilot project  
8           that is at least as secure from tampering as the  
9           current absentee voting process;
- 10          (2) Make the internet voting project available to all  
11          Hawaii registered voters living outside the United  
12          States on the date of any primary and general election  
13          occurring during the period of the pilot project;
- 14          (3) Work with the clerk of each county in the development  
15          and implementation of the internet voting pilot  
16          project; and
- 17          (4) Adopt rules necessary to implement this Act in  
18          accordance with chapter 91.



1 (b) The chief election officer shall be responsible for  
2 educating registered voters living outside the United States and  
3 the public with respect to the internet voting pilot project.

4 SECTION 3. The office of elections shall submit a  
5 preliminary and final report to the legislature at least twenty  
6 days prior to the convening of the 2011 and 2013 regular  
7 sessions, respectively, of the legislature regarding the pilot  
8 program with recommendations whether the pilot program should be  
9 continued or terminated, including any changes necessary.

10 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the  
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
14 2010-2011 for the purposes of this Act.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
16 elections for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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**Report Title:**

Elections; Internet Voting Pilot Project

**Description:**

Establishes a pilot project to enable registered voters living outside the United States to vote in Hawaii elections via the Internet.

