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S.B. NO. 186

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 15-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§15-10 Counting of absentee ballots.** If the requirements
4 in section 15-9 are met, the return and ballot envelopes [may]
5 shall be opened and the ballot counted as prescribed by law for
6 the voting system in use.

7 In those absentee polling places using paper ballots,
8 counting of the absentee ballots may begin after noon of
9 election day.

10 In those absentee polling places using the electronic
11 voting system, the absentee ballots shall be transported to the
12 counting center in a manner and by a schedule as provided in the
13 rules [~~promulgated~~] adopted by the chief election officer. In
14 no case, however, shall the results of the absentee count become
15 publicly known before the polls have officially closed.

16 Any person violating this section shall be guilty of an
17 election offense under section 19-6."



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Absentee Ballot; Voting; Vote Counting

Description:

Clarifies that absentee ballots must be opened and counted.

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