
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTION OBSERVERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[~~f~~]§11-8.5[~~}]~~ **Elections review program.** The elections
4 commission shall develop and implement an elections review
5 program to:

6 (1) Review the operation and performance of elections;

7 (2) Make recommendations to the chief election officer on
8 methods to improve elections;

9 (3) Establish policies for the administration of an
10 elections observer program, [~~to include ensuring~~]
11 which the chief election officer shall implement and
12 maintain for the purposes of:

13 (A) Ensuring the validity and reliability of election
14 results;

15 (B) Providing independent observers from the general
16 public to secure the integrity and security of
17 the ballot processing and tabulation systems;



- 1 (C) Verifying that the ballot counting program used
- 2 to process and tabulate election results
- 3 functions correctly and accurately;
- 4 (D) Certifying the receipt of ballots from the United
- 5 States post offices, counties, and precinct
- 6 polling places;
- 7 (E) Observing the operations of each ballot counting
- 8 center and reporting all procedural
- 9 irregularities, discrepancies, and other special
- 10 conditions to the counting center management;
- 11 (F) Verifying election results; and
- 12 (G) Maintaining the security of ballots and other
- 13 sensitive elections documents throughout the
- 14 tabulation process and the final storage of all
- 15 such documents.

- 16 (4) Conduct a biennial evaluation of the operation of
- 17 elections;

- 18 (5) Submit the findings and recommendations from the
- 19 biennial evaluation to the legislature, not less than
- 20 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular
- 21 session held in odd-numbered years; and



1 (6) Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 91 to carry out
2 the purposes of this section."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

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Report Title:

Elections Observer Program

Description:

Specifies the purposes of the elections observer program and the duty of the chief election officer to implement and maintain the program.

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