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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 an
2 internet voting pilot project to enable registered voters to
3 vote via the internet. The pilot project shall only apply to
4 the primary and general elections of 2014.

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

6 (1) Create and implement an internet voting pilot project
7 that is at least as secure from tampering as the
8 current voting process;

9 (2) Make the pilot project available to all registered
10 voters in the State;

11 (3) Work with the clerk of each county in the development
12 and implementation of the pilot project; and

13 (4) Adopt rules necessary to implement this Act in
14 accordance with chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

15 (b) The chief election officer shall be responsible for
16 educating registered voters and the public with respect to the
17 internet voting pilot project.



1 SECTION 3. No later than January 1, 2014, the office of
2 elections shall submit a preliminary report to the legislature
3 that includes:

4 (1) The current status of implementation of the internet
5 voting pilot project; and

6 (2) A brief description of any operational problems or
7 legal impediments that have affected or are
8 anticipated to affect implementation of the pilot
9 project.

10 SECTION 4. Upon the conclusion of the 2014 general
11 election, but no later than twenty days prior to the convening
12 of the regular session of 2015, the office of elections shall
13 submit a final report to the legislature that includes:

14 (1) Voter demographics, turnout, and other statistical
15 information, as deemed necessary by the chief election
16 officer, to accurately assess the efficacy of the
17 internet voting pilot project;

18 (2) Efforts made by the office of elections to promote and
19 provide voter education with respect to the pilot
20 project and the cost of those efforts;

21 (3) The effect, if any, of the pilot project on increasing
22 or decreasing:



- 1 (A) The costs of conducting an election; and
- 2 (B) Voter turnout;
- 3 (4) Any operational problems or legal impediments that
- 4 arose and affected the implementation or operation of
- 5 the pilot project; and
- 6 (5) A recommendation as to whether the pilot project
- 7 should be made permanent and, if recommended to be
- 8 made permanent, any proposed statutory revisions and
- 9 budgetary requirements necessary to effectuate voting
- 10 via the internet.

11 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the
 14 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 15 2014-2015 for the purposes of this Act.

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

18 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

Elections; Internet Voting Pilot Project; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a pilot project to enable registered voters to vote via the Internet. Makes an appropriation.

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