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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 with permanent
3 absentee voter status pursuant to section 15-4, Hawaii Revised
4 Statutes, to vote in Hawaii elections via the Internet. The
5 pilot project shall be for a period of two election cycles,
6 beginning with the 2014 elections.

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

- 8 (1) Create and implement an internet voting pilot project
9 that is at least as secure from tampering as the
10 current absentee voting process;
- 11 (2) Make the internet voting project available to all
12 Hawaii registered voters with permanent absentee voter
13 status on the date of any primary and general election
14 occurring during the period of the pilot project;
- 15 (3) Work with the clerk of each county in the development
16 and implementation of the internet voting pilot
17 project; and



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

3 (b) The chief election officer shall be responsible for
4 educating registered voters with permanent voter status and the
5 public with respect to the internet voting pilot project.

6 SECTION 3. The office of elections shall submit a
7 preliminary report to the legislature at least twenty days prior
8 to the convening of the 2014 and 2015 regular sessions and a
9 final report to the legislature at least twenty days prior to
10 the convening of the 2017 regular session regarding the pilot
11 project, including but not limited to:

12 (1) The status of the pilot project, including plans for
13 and implementation of the internet voting pilot
14 project, and any problems or issues with respect to
15 the plans and implementation of the internet voting
16 pilot project;

17 (2) The number of participants in the pilot project;

18 (3) A description of any public voter education efforts
19 relating to the internet voting pilot project;

20 (4) Any recommendations regarding whether the internet
21 voting pilot project should continue or be terminated;

22 and



1 (5) Any recommended legislation.

2 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
3 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
4 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 and
5 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
6 year 2014-2015 for the implementation of an internet voting
7 pilot project.

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

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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INTRODUCED BY: *[Signature]*
By Request



S.B. NO. 927

Report Title:

Elections; Internet Voting Pilot Project; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a pilot project to enable Hawaii registered voters with permanent absentee voter status to vote in Hawaii elections via the Internet. Appropriates funds to the office of elections for the implementation of the internet voting pilot project.

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