
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read
3 as follows:

4 "PART . ELECTIONS BY MAIL

5 §11-A Elections eligible to be conducted by mail. (a)
6 Beginning with the primary election, the office of
7 elections shall implement elections by mail. Thereafter, all
8 federal, state, and county primary, special primary, general,
9 special general, and special elections shall be conducted by
10 mail in accordance with this part; provided that any person
11 registered to vote may request an absentee ballot or permanent
12 absentee ballot in accordance with section 15-4, in lieu of
13 receiving an election-by-mail ballot packet pursuant to this
14 part.

15 (b) The chief election officer shall adopt rules pursuant
16 to chapter 91 to provide for uniformity in the conduct of
17 federal, state, and county elections by mail.



1 §11-B Procedures for conducting elections by mail. (a)

2 Between eighteen and twenty-two days before the date of an
3 election, the county clerk shall mail an election-by-mail ballot
4 packet by nonforwardable mail to each registered voter who has
5 not requested an absentee ballot or permanent absentee ballot in
6 accordance with section 15-4.

7 (b) Public notice of the date or dates that election-by-
8 mail ballot packets are mailed, delivered, or made available
9 shall be given by the chief election officer and all county
10 election officers in the manner prescribed in section 1-28.5
11 when all the packets have been mailed, delivered, or made
12 available to voters.

13 (c) A voter may obtain a replacement ballot if the ballot
14 was destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received by the voter. The
15 clerk shall keep a record of each ballot issued in accordance
16 with this subsection to ensure that another ballot has not been
17 returned by the voter.

18 (d) After receipt of an election-by-mail ballot packet, to
19 cast a valid ballot the voter shall comply with the instructions
20 included in the election-by-mail ballot packet. The
21 instructions shall include information on election fraud and



1 voter fraud, as provided in sections 19-3(5) and 19-3.5, and
2 notice that violation of either section may subject the voter,
3 upon conviction, to imprisonment, a fine, or both.

4 (e) To cast a valid ballot, the voter shall return the
5 marked ballot in the return envelope. The marked ballot may be
6 returned by mail, to a place of deposit, or, beginning
7 January 1, , to a voter service center; provided that the
8 return envelope shall be received at the office of the clerk,
9 place of deposit, or voter service center no later than the time
10 provided in section 11-131 on the date of the election.

11 **§11-C Counting of mail-in ballots.** The method of
12 preparing ballots for counting may begin no sooner than the
13 seventh day before the election. In the presence of official
14 observers, counting center employees may start to count the
15 ballots on the day of the election. All handling and counting
16 of election-by-mail ballots shall be according to procedures
17 established by the chief election officer.

18 **§11-D Voter service centers; minimum number; designation;
19 services provided.** (a) Beginning on January 1, , voter
20 service centers shall be established at the office of the
21 respective county clerks and may be established at other sites



1 as may be designated by the county clerk pursuant to this
2 section and rules adopted by the chief election officer.
3 Section 11-21 relating to changes and transfers of registration
4 shall apply to each voter service center as though it were the
5 precinct at which a person's name properly appears on the list
6 of registered voters.

7 (b) Voter service centers shall be open from the tenth day
8 preceding the day of the election through the day preceding the
9 day of the election and at the same times statewide, except as
10 may be provided in section 11-92.3 or by the chief election
11 officer through administrative rules.

12 (c) For all elections, each county clerk shall designate a
13 minimum number of voter service centers as follows:

14 (1) For counties with at least four hundred thousand
15 registered voters, at least twenty-five in each such
16 county;

17 (2) For counties with at least seventy-five thousand but
18 fewer than four hundred thousand registered voters, at
19 least six in each such county;



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1 (3) For counties with at least fifteen thousand but fewer
2 than seventy-five thousand registered voters, at least
3 three in each such county; and

4 (4) For counties with fewer than fifteen thousand
5 registered voters, at least one voter service center
6 in each such county;

7 provided that there shall be at least one voter service center
8 on each inhabited island of the State.

9 (d) In designating voter service centers pursuant to this
10 section, each county clerk shall consider the following factors
11 to address the needs of the county:

12 (1) Proximity to public transportation lines and
13 availability of parking;

14 (2) Geographic features, such as mountain passes, that
15 tend to affect access and convenience;

16 (3) Equitable distribution across the county so as to
17 afford maximally convenient options for voters;

18 (4) The existence and location of population centers;

19 (5) Access for persons with disabilities;

20 (6) Use of locations that have historically served as
21 polling places for a significant number of voters;



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1 (7) Use of schools, recreational halls, park facilities,
2 and other publicly owned or controlled buildings that
3 are known to voters in the county, especially to the
4 extent that using such buildings results in cost
5 savings compared to other potential locations; and

6 (8) When private locations are considered or designated as
7 voter service centers in accordance with this section,
8 methods and standards to ensure the security of voting
9 conducted at such locations.

10 (e) Each county clerk shall solicit public comments in
11 proposing voter service center locations and shall submit the
12 proposed locations to the chief election officer for approval.
13 The chief election officer shall adopt administrative rules,
14 pursuant to chapter 91, to prescribe the manner of submission,
15 public comment and notice requirements, deadline for submission,
16 and criteria for approval of proposed voter service center
17 locations.

18 (f) Each voter service center shall provide:

19 (1) The ability for an eligible voter to deposit or cast a
20 ballot;



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- 1 (2) The ability for an eligible voter to update the
- 2 voter's address;
- 3 (3) The ability for an eligible voter who has legally
- 4 changed the voter's name to have the voter's name
- 5 changed;
- 6 (4) Facilities and equipment that are compliant with the
- 7 federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, title
- 8 42 United States Code section 12101 et seq., as
- 9 amended;
- 10 (5) Electronic voting machines or other voting systems
- 11 accessible to voters with disabilities;
- 12 (6) Voting booths;
- 13 (7) Ballots for distribution; and
- 14 (8) Pursuant to section 11-15.2, beginning on January 1,
- 15 2018, the ability for an eligible voter to register to
- 16 vote on the day preceding the day of the election."

17 SECTION 2. Section 11-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended as follows:

- 19 1. By adding four new definitions to be appropriately
- 20 inserted and to read:



1 "Election-by-mail ballot packet" means the packet of
2 information, including an official ballot, a pre-paid postage
3 return identification envelope, a secrecy envelope, and
4 instructions, that shall be provided by the county clerk to
5 eligible voters in an election by mail.

6 "Place of deposit" means any state public library or any
7 other site designated by the chief election officer for
8 receiving return identification envelopes in an election by mail
9 pursuant to part _____.

10 "Poll" or "polling place" means an office or other suitable
11 facility designated by the respective clerks for the conduct of
12 voting. Beginning on January 1, _____, the term "poll" or
13 "polling place" means a voter service center.

14 "Voter service center" means a location established
15 pursuant to section 11-D for accepting ballots and providing
16 other services described in section 11-D."

17 2. By amending the definitions of "ballot" and "voting
18 system" to read:

19 "Ballot" [~~7 a ballot including an absentee ballot, that is~~]
20 means a written or printed, or partly written and partly printed
21 paper or papers, containing the names of persons to be voted



1 for, the office to be filled, and the questions or issues to be
2 voted on. "Ballot" includes an absentee ballot and a ballot
3 used in an election by mail pursuant to part _____. A ballot may
4 consist of one or more cards or pieces of paper, or one face of
5 a card or piece of paper, or a portion of the face of a card or
6 piece of paper, depending on the number of offices, candidates
7 to be elected thereto, questions or issues to be voted on, and
8 the voting system in use. It shall also include the face of the
9 mechanical voting machine when arranged with cardboard or other
10 material within the ballot frames, containing the names of the
11 candidates and questions to be voted on.

12 "Voting system" [7] means the use of paper ballots,
13 electronic ballot cards, voting machines, items necessary for
14 processing elections by mail, or any system by which votes are
15 cast and counted."

16 SECTION 3. Section 11-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "§11-4 **Rules [~~and regulations~~]**. The chief election
19 officer may make, amend, and repeal [~~such~~] rules [~~and~~
20 ~~regulations~~] governing elections held under this title, election
21 procedures, and the selection, establishment, use, and operation



1 of all voting systems now in use or to be adopted in the State,
2 and all other similar matters relating thereto as in the chief
3 election officer's judgment shall be necessary to carry out this
4 title.

5 In making, amending, and repealing rules [~~and regulations~~]
6 for voters who cannot vote at the polls or voter service centers
7 in person or receive or return ballots by mail, and all other
8 voters, the chief election officer shall provide for voting by
9 [~~such~~] these persons in [~~such~~] a manner as to [~~insure~~] ensure
10 secrecy of the ballot and to preclude tampering with the ballots
11 of these voters and other election frauds. [~~Such~~] The rules
12 [~~and regulations~~], when adopted in conformity with chapter 91
13 and upon approval by the governor, shall have the force and
14 effect of law."

15 SECTION 4. Section 11-15.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "[+]§11-15.2[+] **Late registration.** (a) Notwithstanding
18 the closing of the general county register pursuant to section
19 11-24, a person who is eligible to vote but is not registered to
20 vote may register by appearing in person:



1 (1) Prior to the day of the election, at any absentee
2 polling place established pursuant to section 15-7 in
3 the county associated with the person's residence; or

4 (2) On the day preceding the day of the election, at the
5 ~~[polling place]~~ voter service center in the precinct
6 associated with the person's residence.

7 (b) The county clerk shall designate a registration clerk,
8 who may be an election official, at each of the absentee polling
9 places in the county established pursuant to section 15-7, prior
10 to the day of the election and at each of the ~~[polling places]~~
11 voter service centers in the county on the day of the election.

12 (c) The registration clerk shall process applications for
13 any person not registered to vote who submits a signed affidavit
14 in accordance with section 11-15, which shall include a sworn
15 affirmation:

16 (1) Of the person's qualification to vote;

17 (2) Acknowledging that the person has not voted and will
18 not vote at any other polling place or voter service
19 center for that election and has not cast and will not
20 cast any ballot by mail or any absentee ballot
21 pursuant to chapter 15 for that election; and



1 (3) Acknowledging that providing false information may
2 result in a class C felony, punishable by a fine not
3 exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five
4 years, or both.

5 (d) The registration clerk may accept, as prima facie
6 evidence, the allegation of the person in the application
7 regarding the person's residence in accordance with section
8 11-15(b), unless the allegation is contested by a qualified
9 voter. The registration clerk may demand that the person
10 furnish substantiating evidence to the other allegations of the
11 person's application in accordance with section 11-15(b).

12 (e) Registration may be challenged in accordance with
13 section 11-25.

14 (f) Notwithstanding subsection (a), registration pursuant
15 to this section may also be used by a person who is registered
16 to vote but whose name cannot be found on the precinct list for
17 the [~~polling place~~] voter service center associated with the
18 person's residence.

19 (g) The clerk of each county shall add persons who
20 properly register under this section to the respective general
21 county register. Within thirty days of registration at the



1 absentee polling place[7] or voter service center, the county
2 clerk shall mail to the person a notice including the person's
3 name, current street address, district and precinct, and date of
4 registration. A notice mailed pursuant to this subsection shall
5 serve as prima facie evidence that the person is a registered
6 voter as of the date of registration."

7 SECTION 5. Section 11-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 "(a) The clerk, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the sixtieth
10 day after every general election, shall remove the name of any
11 registered voter who did not vote in that general election, and
12 also did not vote in the primary election preceding that general
13 election, and also did not vote in the previous general
14 election, and also did not vote in the primary election
15 preceding that general election, and also did not vote in the
16 regularly scheduled special elections held in conjunction with
17 those primary and general elections, if any, with the exception
18 of:

19 (1) Those who submitted written requests for absentee
20 ballots as provided in section 15-4; or

21 (2) Anyone who preregistered pursuant to section 11-12(b).



1 If a person voted, at least once, in any of the above-mentioned
2 elections, the person's name shall remain on the list of
3 registered voters. For this purpose, "vote" means the mailing
4 in of the ballot or the depositing of the ballot in the ballot
5 box or at a place of deposit or voter service center, whether
6 the ballot is blank or later rejected for any reason. In the
7 case of voting machines, "vote" means the voter has activated
8 the proper mechanism and fed the vote into the machine."

9 SECTION 6. Section 11-92.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as
11 follows:

12 "§11-92.1 Election proclamation; [~~establishment of a new~~
13 ~~precinct.~~] precincts. (a) The chief election officer shall
14 issue a proclamation [~~whenever a new precinct is established in~~
15 ~~any representative district.~~] listing all polling places and
16 places of deposit. All places of deposit shall be open as soon
17 as election-by-mail ballot packets are made available to voters.
18 The chief election officer shall provide [~~a suitable polling~~
19 ~~place for each precinct.~~] one or more precincts within a
20 representative district as the chief election officer deems
21 necessary for voters who are unable to participate in elections



1 by mail pursuant to part . Beginning on January 1, _____,
2 voter service centers shall be made available pursuant to
3 section 11-D. Schools, recreational halls, park facilities, and
4 other publicly owned or controlled buildings, whenever possible
5 and convenient, shall be used as polling places. The chief
6 election officer shall make arrangements for the rental or
7 erection of suitable shelter for this purpose whenever public
8 buildings are not available and shall cause these polling places
9 to be equipped with the necessary facilities for lighting,
10 ventilation, and equipment needed for elections on any island.
11 This proclamation may be issued jointly with the proclamation
12 required in section 11-91."

13 SECTION 7. Section 11-92.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending the title and subsection (a) to read as
15 follows:

16 "**§11-92.3 Consolidated or alternate precincts; natural**
17 **disasters; postponement; absentee voting [~~required~~]; elections**
18 **by mail; special elections.** (a) In the event of a flood,
19 tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, high wind, or other
20 natural disaster, occurring prior to an election, that makes a
21 precinct, place of deposit, or voter service center



1 inaccessible, the chief election officer or county clerk in the
2 case of county elections may consolidate precincts or provide an
3 alternate precinct within a representative district. If the
4 extent of damage caused by any natural disaster is such that the
5 ability of voters, in any precinct, district, or county, to
6 exercise their right to vote is substantially impaired, the
7 chief election officer or county clerk in the case of county
8 elections may [~~require the~~]:

- 9 (1) Require the registered voters of the affected
10 precinct, district, or county to vote by absentee
11 ballot pursuant to section 15-2.5 [~~and may postpone~~]
12 or elections by mail pursuant to part ; and
13 (2) Postpone the conducting of an election in the affected
14 precinct for no more than twenty-one days; provided
15 that any such postponement shall not affect the
16 conduct of the election, tabulation, or distribution
17 of results for those precincts, districts, or counties
18 not designated for postponement.

19 The chief election officer or county clerk in the case of county
20 elections shall give notice of the consolidation, postponement,
21 or requirement to vote by absentee ballot[7] or by mail, in the



1 affected [~~county or~~] precinct, county, or district prior to the
2 opening of [~~the~~] each precinct polling place by whatever
3 possible news or broadcast media are available. Precinct
4 officials and workers affected by any consolidation shall not
5 forfeit their pay."

6 SECTION 8. Section 11-184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "**§11-184 Election expenses and responsibilities in**
9 **combined state and county elections.** Election expenses in
10 elections involving both state and county offices shall be
11 shared as set forth below:

- 12 (1) The State shall pay and be responsible for:
- 13 (A) Precinct officials;
- 14 (B) Instruction of precinct officials when initiated
15 or approved by the chief election officer;
- 16 (C) Boards of registration;
- 17 (D) Polling place costs other than supplies:
18 installation rentals, ballot boxes, voting
19 booths, custodians, telephones, and maintenance;
- 20 (E) Other equipment such as ballot transport
21 containers;



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1 (F) Temporary election employees hired to do strictly
2 state work; and

3 (G) Extraordinary voter registration and voter
4 education costs when approved by the chief
5 election officer.

6 (2) The county shall pay and be responsible for:

7 (A) Normal voter registration, voters list
8 maintenance, and all printing connected with
9 voter registration, including printing of the
10 voters list;

11 (B) Temporary election employees hired to do strictly
12 county work;

13 (C) Maintenance of existing voting machines,
14 including parts, freight, storage, programming,
15 and personnel;

16 (D) Maintenance and storage of voting devices and
17 other equipment; and

18 (E) Employees assigned to conduct absentee or
19 elections-by-mail polling place or voter service
20 center functions.



- 1 (3) The remaining election expenses shall be divided in
2 half between the State and the counties. Each county
3 will pay a proration of expenses as a proportion of
4 the registered voters at the time of the general
5 election. These expenses shall include but not be
6 limited to:
- 7 (A) Polling place supplies;
 - 8 (B) All printing, including ballots, but excluding
9 printing connected with voter registration;
 - 10 (C) Temporary election employees not including voting
11 machine programmers doing work for both the State
12 and county;
 - 13 (D) Ballot preparation and packing; and
 - 14 (E) All other costs for which the State or county are
15 not specifically responsible relating to the
16 operation of voting machines, electronic voting
17 systems, and other voting systems except paper
18 ballots to include but not be limited to real
19 property rentals, equipment rentals, personnel,
20 mileage, telephones, supplies, publicity,
21 computer programming, and freight.



1 The responsibility for the above functions shall
 2 be determined by the chief election officer where the
 3 responsibility for such functions has not been
 4 assigned by the legislature.

5 Any future expenses not presently incurred under any voting
 6 system now in use or to be used shall be assigned to
 7 [paragraphs] paragraph (1), (2), or (3) [above] by the chief
 8 election officer upon agreement with the clerks or by the
 9 legislature."

10 SECTION 9. Section 15-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 11 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
 12 and to read as follows:

13 "Voter service center" means a location established
 14 pursuant to section 11-D for accepting ballots and providing
 15 other services described in section 11-D."

16 SECTION 10. Section 15-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 17 amended as follows:

18 1. By amending the title to read:

19 "§15-7 Absentee polling place; registration at absentee
 20 polling place[-]; registration at voter service center.

21 2. By amending subsections (b) to (d) to read:



1 "(b) The absentee polling places shall be open [~~no later~~
2 ~~than~~] at least ten working days before election day, and all
3 Saturdays falling within that time period, or as soon thereafter
4 as ballots are available [~~;~~ ~~provided that all~~], and shall remain
5 open through the day before election day. All absentee polling
6 places shall be open on the same date statewide, as determined
7 by the chief election officer. Beginning on January 1, _____,
8 voter service centers shall be open in each county to receive
9 absentee ballots and election-by-mail ballots pursuant to
10 chapter 11, part _____ and to provide other services described in
11 section 11-D.

12 (c) A person who is eligible to vote but is not registered
13 to vote may register as follows:

14 (1) Pursuant to chapter 11;

15 (2) Beginning on January 1, _____, prior to election day
16 by appearing in person at the absentee polling place
17 for the county in which the person maintains
18 residence [---]; or

19 (3) Beginning on January 1, _____, from the tenth day
20 preceding the day of an election through the day



1 preceding the day of the election at any voter service
2 center.

3 (d) The county clerk shall designate a registration clerk,
4 who may be an election official[7]:

5 (1) Beginning on January 1, _____, at each of the absentee
6 polling places established in the county[-], prior to
7 election day; and

8 (2) Beginning on January 1, _____, from the tenth day
9 preceding the day of an election through the day
10 preceding the day of the election at any voter service
11 center."

12 3. By amending subsection (i) to read:

13 "(i) The clerk of each county shall add persons who
14 properly register at an absentee polling place or voter service
15 center, as applicable, to the respective general county
16 register. Within thirty days of registration at an absentee
17 polling place[7] or voter service center, as applicable, the
18 county clerk shall mail to the person a notice including the
19 person's name, current street address, district and precinct,
20 and date of registration. A notice mailed pursuant to this



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1 subsection shall serve as prima facie evidence that the person
2 is a registered voter as of the date of registration."

3 SECTION 11. Section 15D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[+]§15D-3[+] Elections covered. The voting procedures in
6 this chapter apply to:

7 (1) A general, special, or primary election for federal
8 office;

9 (2) A general, special, or primary election for statewide
10 or state legislative office or state ballot measure;
11 and

12 (3) A general, special, recall, primary, or runoff
13 election for local government office or local ballot
14 measure conducted under ~~[section 11-91.5]~~ part _____
15 of chapter 11 for which absentee voting or voting by
16 mail is available for other voters."

17 SECTION 12. Section 19-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 "§19-6 Misdemeanors. The following persons shall be
20 guilty of a misdemeanor:



- 1 (1) Any person who offers any bribe or makes any promise
2 of gain, or with knowledge of the same permits any
3 person to offer any bribe or make any promise of gain
4 for the person's benefit to any voter to induce the
5 voter to sign a nomination paper, and any person who
6 accepts any bribe or promise of gain of any kind as
7 consideration for signing the same, whether the bribe
8 or promise of gain be offered or accepted before or
9 after the signing;
- 10 (2) Any person who wilfully tears down or destroys or
11 defaces any election proclamation or any poster or
12 notice or list of voters or visual aids or facsimile
13 ballot, issued or posted by authority of law;
- 14 (3) Any person printing or duplicating or causing to be
15 printed or duplicated any ballot, conforming as to the
16 size, weight, shape, thickness, or color to the
17 official ballot so that it could be cast or counted as
18 an official ballot in an election;
- 19 (4) Every person who is disorderly or creates a
20 disturbance whereby any meeting of the precinct
21 officials or the board of registration of voters



1 during an election is disturbed or interfered with; or
2 whereby any person who intends to be lawfully present
3 at any meeting or election is prevented from
4 attending; or who causes any disturbance at any
5 election; and every person assisting or aiding or
6 abetting any disturbance;

7 (5) Every person who, either in person or through another,
8 in any manner breaks up or prevents, or endeavors to
9 break up or prevent, the holding of any meeting of the
10 board of registration of voters, or in any manner
11 breaks up or prevents, or endeavors to break up or
12 prevent, the holding of any election;

13 (6) Any person, other than those designated by section
14 11-132, who remains or loiters within the area set
15 aside for voting as set forth in section 11-132 during
16 the time appointed for voting;

17 (7) Any person, including candidates carrying on any
18 campaign activities within the area described in
19 section 11-132 during the period of time starting one
20 hour before the polling place opens and ending when
21 the polling place closes for the purpose of



1 influencing votes. Campaign activities shall include
2 the following:

3 (A) Any distribution, circulation, carrying, holding,
4 posting, or staking of campaign cards, pamphlets,
5 posters and other literature;

6 (B) The use of public address systems and other
7 public communication media;

8 (C) The use of motor caravans or parades; and

9 (D) The use of entertainment troupes or the free
10 distribution of goods and services;

11 (8) Any person who opens a return envelope containing [an
12 ~~absentee~~]:

13 (A) An absentee ballot voted under chapter 15 other
14 than those persons authorized to do so under
15 chapter 15; or

16 (B) A ballot voted by mail under part of chapter
17 11 other than those persons authorized to do so
18 under part of chapter 11;

19 (9) Any unauthorized person found in possession of any
20 voting machine or keys thereof; and



1 (10) Every person who wilfully violates or fails to obey
 2 any of the provisions of law, punishment for which is
 3 not otherwise in this chapter specially provided for."

4 SECTION 13. Section 11-91.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 5 repealed.

6 ~~["§11-91.5 Federal, state, and county elections by mail.~~

7 ~~(a) Any federal, state, or county election held other than on
 8 the date of a regularly scheduled primary or general election
 9 may be conducted by mail.~~

10 ~~(b) The chief election officer shall determine whether a
 11 federal or state election, other than a regularly scheduled
 12 primary or general election, may be conducted by mail or at
 13 polling places.~~

14 ~~(c) The county clerk shall determine whether a county
 15 election, held other than on the date of a regularly scheduled
 16 primary or general election, may be conducted by mail or at
 17 polling places. An election by mail in the county shall be
 18 under the supervision of the county clerk.~~

19 ~~(d) Any ballot cast by mail under this section shall be
 20 subject to the provisions applicable to absentee ballots under
 21 sections 11-139 and 15-6.~~



1 ~~(e) The chief election officer shall adopt rules pursuant~~
2 ~~to chapter 91 to provide for uniformity in the conduct of~~
3 ~~federal, state, and county elections by mail."]~~

4 SECTION 14. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
7 the purpose of implementing and administering the election by
8 mail program.

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

11 SECTION 15. In codifying the new sections added by section
12 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
13 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
14 the new sections in this Act.

15 SECTION 16. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 17. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016;
18 provided that:

19 (1) Section 10 of this Act shall take effect on January 1,
20 2017;



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1 (2) Section 11-15.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended
2 by section 4 of this Act, shall take effect on
3 January 1, 2019; and

4 (3) Section 11-D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, established by
5 section 1 of this Act, shall take effect on
6 January 1, .

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INTRODUCED BY: *[Signature]*

By Request

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Elections; Voting; Elections by Mail; Appropriation

Description:

Beginning with the primary election in an unspecified year, requires the office of elections to implement elections by mail. Thereafter requires all federal, state, and county primary, special primary, general, special general, and special elections to be conducted by mail. Beginning on an unspecified date, establishes a minimum number of voter service centers per county and island, in lieu of traditional polling places. Requires voter service centers to provide services such as voter registration at least ten working days through the day before election day. Repeals election day voter registration at polling places, which was to take effect on January 1, 2018. Appropriates funds.

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