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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 legislature finds that Hawaii tends to
2 experience low voter turnout during elections. For example, in
3 the 2014 general election, only 52.3 per cent of those
4 registered actually cast ballots – the lowest statistic on
5 record for a general election. The State has also faced other
6 problems in recent elections. During the 2012 general election,
7 twenty-four polling places on the island of Oahu ran out of
8 paper ballots and about one-third of Oahu's voting precincts
9 experienced ballot shortages. More recently, the 2014 primary
10 election was held amid a threat of back-to-back tropical storms.
11 Tropical storm Iselle arrived the day before the primary,
12 toppling trees on Hawaii island and resulting in the closure of
13 two polling precincts in Puna. A makeup vote, open only to
14 registered voters from the two precincts that had closed who had
15 not voted, was held six days after the primary on August 15.
16 However, dozens of voters from surrounding districts who were
17 unable to vote on August 9 because of storm damage showed up and



1 were turned away. In a separate primary election incident,
2 election officials discovered about eight hundred mail-in
3 absentee votes from Maui had not been properly scanned and read.
4 These incidents show that changes are needed to ensure that
5 eligible voters in Hawaii can exercise their constitutionally
6 protected right to vote.

7 The legislature further finds that at least twenty-two
8 states allow certain elections to be conducted entirely by mail,
9 with Colorado, Oregon, and Washington administering all
10 elections entirely by mail. Voting by mail enables voters to
11 avoid wait times at polling places, can be a convenient method
12 of voting for people located in remote electoral precincts, and
13 may increase voter turnout in special and small elections.

14 The legislature additionally finds that the trend in Hawaii
15 has been toward more mail-in voting. The 2014 Hawaii primary
16 election was the first election where there were more early
17 votes than ballots cast on primary election day. 56 per cent of
18 Hawaii voters chose to vote early during the 2014 primary, with
19 approximately 83 per cent of these early voters doing so by
20 mail-in absentee ballot.



1 In Hawaii, shifting to elections by mail would
2 significantly reduce the logistical issues related to conducting
3 elections. Depending on the vote-by-mail model chosen by the
4 State, there would be a savings of at least \$874,000 per cycle
5 after initial expenses. The legislature therefore concludes
6 that an incremental implementation of an election-by-mail voting
7 system is the best approach for the State to transition to
8 elections by mail.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 10 (1) Require the office of elections to implement elections
11 by mail in a county with a population of less than
12 100,000, beginning with the 2016 primary election;
- 13 (2) By 2018, require all federal, state, and county
14 primary, special primary, general, special general,
15 and special elections to be conducted by mail;
- 16 (3) Enable absentee walk-in voting to continue prior to
17 election day;
- 18 (4) Ensure limited polling sites in each county remain
19 open on election day for absentee walk-in voting and
20 to receive mail-in ballots; and



1 (5) Appropriate funds for the implementation and
2 administration of the election by mail program.

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

6 "PART . ELECTIONS BY MAIL

7 §11- Elections eligible to be conducted by mail.

8 Beginning with the 2016 primary election, the office of
9 elections shall implement elections by mail in a county with a
10 population of less than 100,000; provided that by 2018, all
11 federal, state, and county primary, special primary, general,
12 special general, and special elections shall be conducted by
13 mail in accordance with this part; provided further that any
14 person registered to vote may request an absentee ballot or
15 permanent absentee ballot in accordance with section 15-4, in
16 lieu of receiving an election-by-mail ballot package pursuant to
17 this part.

18 §11- Procedures for conducting elections by mail. (a)

19 Ballot packages shall include:

- 20 (1) An official ballot;
- 21 (2) A pre-paid postage return identification envelope;



1 (3) A secrecy envelope; and

2 (4) Instructions.

3 (b) Except as provided in subsections (c), (d), (e), and

4 (f), the county clerk shall mail a ballot package by

5 nonforwardable mail to each registered voter between fourteen

6 and eighteen days before the date of the election.

7 (c) If the county clerk determines that a voter does not

8 receive daily mail service from the United States Postal

9 Service, the county clerk shall mail a ballot package by

10 nonforwardable mail to the voter between eighteen and twenty

11 days before the date of the election.

12 (d) If the voter requests that a ballot package be mailed

13 outside of the State, the county clerk shall mail a ballot

14 package by nonforwardable mail to the voter no later than the

15 twenty-ninth day before the election.

16 (e) Notwithstanding subsections (b), (c), (d), and (f),

17 ballot packages may be delivered or made available to voters who

18 are unable to receive ballot packages by mail and who request a

19 ballot package be delivered or made available for pick-up by the

20 voter. A ballot package that is made available to a voter shall

21 be made available in a manner and by a method that will ensure



1 confidentiality as provided in section 11-14.5. The receipt of
2 the ballot package by pick-up shall be available to the voter
3 until three days before the election to enable the voter to vote
4 on or before the date of the election.

5 §11- Public notice of mailing. Public notice of the
6 date or dates that ballot packages are mailed, delivered, and
7 made available shall be given by the chief election officer and
8 all county election offices in the manner prescribed in section
9 1-28.5 when all ballot packages have been mailed, delivered, and
10 made available to voters.

11 §11- Ballot instructions; ballot return. (a) Upon
12 receipt of the ballot package, the voter shall comply with the
13 instructions included in the ballot package. The instructions
14 shall include directions on marking the ballot, inserting the
15 marked ballot in the secrecy envelope, inserting the secrecy
16 envelope with the marked ballot in the return identification
17 envelope, and signing the return identification envelope before
18 mailing or delivering the return identification envelope
19 containing the secrecy envelope with the marked ballot.

20 (b) The instructions shall include information on election
21 fraud and voter fraud, as provided in sections 19-3(5) and



1 19-3.5, and notice that violation of either section may subject
2 the voter, upon conviction, to imprisonment, a fine, or both.

3 (c) Voters shall return the identification envelope
4 containing the secrecy envelope with the marked ballot by mail
5 or by delivery to a place of deposit so that the return
6 identification envelope is received at the office of the clerk
7 or a place of deposit no later than the time provided in section
8 11-131 on the date of the election.

9 §11- Replacement ballots. (a) A voter may obtain a
10 replacement ballot if the ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost, or
11 not received by the clerk. Replacement ballots shall be
12 provided to a voter who completes and signs a replacement ballot
13 request form. The replacement ballot request form shall include
14 information that allows the clerk to verify the registration of
15 the voter and ensure that another ballot has not been returned
16 by the voter.

17 (b) Upon receipt of the replacement ballot request form,
18 the clerk shall:

19 (1) Verify the registration of the voter and ensure that
20 another ballot has not been returned by the voter;



1 (2) Note on the list of registered voters that the voter
2 has requested a replacement ballot;

3 (3) Mark the return identification envelope as a
4 replacement ballot; and

5 (4) Issue the replacement ballot package by mail, by
6 delivery, or by making the ballot package available
7 for pick-up by the voter.

8 (c) Voters requesting a replacement ballot shall return
9 the identification envelope containing the secrecy envelope with
10 the marked replacement ballot by mail or by delivery to a place
11 of deposit so that the return identification envelope is
12 received at the office of the clerk or a place of deposit no
13 later than the time provided in section 11-131 on the date of
14 the election.

15 §11- Counting of mail-in ballots. (a) The method of
16 preparing ballots for counting may begin no sooner than the
17 seventh day before the election. In the presence of official
18 observers, counting center employees may start to count the
19 ballots on the day of the election. All handling and counting
20 of the mailed-in ballots shall be according to procedures
21 established by the chief election officer.



- 1 (b) A mail-in ballot shall be counted only if:
- 2 (1) It is returned in the return identification envelope;
- 3 (2) The return identification envelope is signed by the
- 4 voter to whom the ballot is mailed or delivered;
- 5 (3) The signature on the return identification envelope is
- 6 verified by the clerk with the signature of the voter
- 7 shown on the registry of voters; and
- 8 (4) The return identification envelope is received at the
- 9 office of the clerk or at the place of deposit no
- 10 later than the time stated in section 11-131 on the
- 11 date of the election.

12 (c) Upon receipt of a marked replacement ballot, the

13 county clerk shall verify that a completed and signed

14 replacement ballot request form has been received by the county

15 clerk or is included with the marked replacement ballot. If a

16 request form has been completed and signed by the voter and

17 received by the county clerk, the county clerk shall process the

18 ballot. If the replacement ballot request form is not completed

19 or signed by the voter or not received by the county clerk, the

20 county clerk shall not process the ballot."



1 SECTION 3. Section 11-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
4 and to read:

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

9 2. By amending the definitions of "ballot" and "voting
10 system" to read:

11 "Ballot" [7] means a ballot, including an absentee ballot,
12 that is a written or printed, or partly written and partly
13 printed paper or papers, containing the names of persons to be
14 voted for, the office to be filled, and the questions or issues
15 to be voted on. "Ballot" includes a ballot used in an election
16 conducted by mail. A ballot may consist of one or more cards or
17 pieces of paper, or one face of a card or piece of paper, or a
18 portion of the face of a card or piece of paper, depending on
19 the number of offices, candidates to be elected thereto,
20 questions or issues to be voted on, and the voting system in
21 use. It shall also include the face of the mechanical voting



1 machine when arranged with cardboard or other material within
2 the ballot frames, containing the names of the candidates and
3 questions to be voted on.

4 "Voting system" [~~7~~] means the use of paper ballots,
5 electronic ballot cards, voting machines, voting by mail, or any
6 system by which votes are cast and counted."

7 SECTION 4. Section 11-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "§11-4 Rules [~~and regulations~~]. The chief election
10 officer may make, amend, and repeal [~~such~~] rules [~~and~~
11 ~~regulations~~] governing elections held under this title, election
12 procedures, and the selection, establishment, use, and operation
13 of all voting systems now in use or to be adopted in the State,
14 and all other similar matters relating thereto as in the chief
15 election officer's judgment shall be necessary to carry out this
16 title.

17 In making, amending, and repealing rules [~~and regulations~~]
18 for voters who cannot vote at the polls in person or receive or
19 return ballots by mail, and all other voters, the chief election
20 officer shall provide for voting by [~~such~~] these persons in
21 [~~such~~] a manner as to [~~insure~~] ensure secrecy of the ballot and



1 to preclude tampering with the ballots of these voters and other
2 election frauds. [~~Such~~] The rules [~~and regulations~~], when
3 adopted in conformity with chapter 91 and upon approval by the
4 governor, shall have the force and effect of law."

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

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

- 17 (1) Those who submitted written requests for absentee
18 ballots as provided in section 15-4; or
19 (2) Anyone who preregistered pursuant to section 11-12(b).

20 If a person voted, at least once, in any of the above-mentioned
21 elections, the person's name shall remain on the list of



1 registered voters. For this purpose, "vote" means the
2 depositing of the ballot in the ballot box whether the ballot is
3 blank or later rejected for any reason. In the case of voting
4 machines, "vote" means the voter has activated the proper
5 mechanism and fed the vote into the machine. In the case of an
6 election by mail pursuant to part , "vote" means the voter
7 has returned the ballot to the chief election officer or county
8 clerk by the United States Postal Service or by delivering the
9 ballot to a place of deposit."

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

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



1 necessary for voters who are unable to participate in elections
2 conducted by mail pursuant to part . Limited polling places,
3 to be established by each respective county clerk, shall be
4 available on election day for absentee voting and to receive
5 election-by-mail ballots. Schools, recreational halls, park
6 facilities, and other publicly owned or controlled buildings,
7 whenever possible and convenient, shall be used as polling
8 places. The chief election officer shall make arrangements for
9 the rental or erection of suitable shelter for this purpose
10 whenever public buildings are not available and shall cause
11 these polling places to be equipped with the necessary
12 facilities for lighting, ventilation, and equipment needed for
13 elections on any island. This proclamation may be issued
14 jointly with the proclamation required in section 11-91."

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

18 "§11-92.3 Consolidated or alternate precincts; natural
19 disasters; postponement; absentee voting [~~required~~]; vote by
20 mail; special elections. (a) In the event of a flood, tsunami,
21 earthquake, volcanic eruption, high wind, or other natural



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

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

20 The chief election officer or county clerk in the case of county
21 elections shall give notice of the consolidation, postponement,



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

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

9 "§11-184 Election expenses and responsibilities in
 10 combined state and county elections~~[.]~~ by mail. Election
 11 expenses in elections by mail involving both state and county
 12 offices shall be shared as set forth below:

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



- 1 ~~(E) Other equipment such as ballot transport~~
- 2 ~~containers;~~
- 3 ~~(F) Temporary election employees hired to do strictly~~
- 4 ~~state work; and~~
- 5 ~~(G) Extraordinary voter registration and voter~~
- 6 ~~education costs when approved by the chief~~
- 7 ~~election officer.~~
- 8 ~~(2) The county shall pay and be responsible for:~~
- 9 ~~(A) Normal voter registration, voters list~~
- 10 ~~maintenance, and all printing connected with~~
- 11 ~~voter registration, including printing of the~~
- 12 ~~voters list;~~
- 13 ~~(B) Temporary election employees hired to do strictly~~
- 14 ~~county work;~~
- 15 ~~(C) Maintenance of existing voting machines,~~
- 16 ~~including parts, freight, storage, programming,~~
- 17 ~~and personnel;~~
- 18 ~~(D) Maintenance and storage of voting devices and~~
- 19 ~~other equipment; and~~
- 20 ~~(E) Employees assigned to conduct absentee polling~~
- 21 ~~place 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 paragraphs~~
7 ~~(1), (2), or (3) above by the chief election officer upon~~
8 ~~agreement with the clerks or by the legislature.]~~

9 (1) The State shall pay and be responsible for all costs
10 initially related to an election-by-mail system,
11 except for costs associated with voter registration,
12 which shall be paid for by and the responsibility of
13 the counties; and

14 (2) Subsequent costs in an election-by-mail system shall
15 be divided in half between the State and the counties.
16 Each county will pay a proration of expenses as a
17 proportion of the registered voters at the time of the
18 general election."

19 SECTION 9. Section 15-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:



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. On election day, limited polling
8 places, to be established by each county clerk, shall be open in
9 each county to receive absentee ballots and election-by-mail
10 ballots pursuant to chapter 11, part ."

11 SECTION 10. Section 15D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "~~{~~§15D-3~~}~~ **Elections covered.** The voting procedures in
14 this chapter apply to:

- 15 (1) A general, special, or primary election for federal
16 office;
- 17 (2) A general, special, or primary election for statewide
18 or state legislative office or state ballot measure;
19 and
- 20 (3) A general, special, recall, primary, or runoff
21 election for local government office or local ballot



1 measure conducted under [~~section 11-91.5~~] part _____ of
2 chapter 11 for which absentee voting or voting by mail
3 is available for other voters."

4 SECTION 11. Section 19-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

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

8 (1) Any person who offers any bribe or makes any promise
9 of gain, or with knowledge of the same permits any
10 person to offer any bribe or make any promise of gain
11 for the person's benefit to any voter to induce the
12 voter to sign a nomination paper, and any person who
13 accepts any bribe or promise of gain of any kind as
14 consideration for signing the same, whether the bribe
15 or promise of gain be offered or accepted before or
16 after the signing;

17 (2) Any person who wilfully tears down or destroys or
18 defaces any election proclamation or any poster or
19 notice or list of voters or visual aids or facsimile
20 ballot, issued or posted by authority of law;



- 1 (3) Any person printing or duplicating or causing to be
2 printed or duplicated any ballot, conforming as to the
3 size, weight, shape, thickness, or color to the
4 official ballot so that it could be cast or counted as
5 an official ballot in an election;
- 6 (4) Every person who is disorderly or creates a
7 disturbance whereby any meeting of the precinct
8 officials or the board of registration of voters
9 during an election is disturbed or interfered with; or
10 whereby any person who intends to be lawfully present
11 at any meeting or election is prevented from
12 attending; or who causes any disturbance at any
13 election; and every person assisting or aiding or
14 abetting any disturbance;
- 15 (5) Every person who, either in person or through another,
16 in any manner breaks up or prevents, or endeavors to
17 break up or prevent, the holding of any meeting of the
18 board of registration of voters, or in any manner
19 breaks up or prevents, or endeavors to break up or
20 prevent, the holding of any election;



- 1 (6) Any person, other than those designated by section
2 11-132, who remains or loiters within the area set
3 aside for voting as set forth in section 11-132 during
4 the time appointed for voting;
- 5 (7) Any person, including candidates carrying on any
6 campaign activities within the area described in
7 section 11-132 during the period of time starting one
8 hour before the polling place opens and ending when
9 the polling place closes for the purpose of
10 influencing votes. Campaign activities shall include
11 the following:
- 12 (A) Any distribution, circulation, carrying, holding,
13 posting, or staking of campaign cards, pamphlets,
14 posters and other literature;
- 15 (B) The use of public address systems and other
16 public communication media;
- 17 (C) The use of motor caravans or parades; and
- 18 (D) The use of entertainment troupes or the free
19 distribution of goods and services;
- 20 (8) Any person who opens a return envelope containing [~~an~~
21 absentee] :



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

4 (B) A ballot voted by mail under part of chapter
5 11 other than those persons authorized to do so
6 under part of chapter 11;

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

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

12 SECTION 12. Section 11-91.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 repealed.

14 ~~["§11-91.5 Federal, state, and county elections by mail.~~

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

18 ~~(b) The chief election officer shall determine whether a~~
19 ~~federal or state election, other than a regularly scheduled~~
20 ~~primary or general election, may be conducted by mail or at~~
21 ~~polling places.~~



1 ~~(c) The county clerk shall determine whether a county~~
2 ~~election, held other than on the date of a regularly scheduled~~
3 ~~primary or general election, may be conducted by mail or at~~
4 ~~polling places. An election by mail in the county shall be~~
5 ~~under the supervision of the county clerk.~~

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

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

12 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
16 year 2016-2017 for the purpose of implementing and administering
17 the election by mail program.

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

20 SECTION 14. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



S.B. NO. 287

1 SECTION 15. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015;
 2 provided that section 9 of this Act shall take effect on July 1,
 3 2016.

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S.B. NO. 287

Report Title:

Elections; Voting; Elections by Mail; Absentee Voting;
Appropriation

Description:

Requires the office of elections to implement elections by mail in a county with a population of less than 100,000, beginning with the 2016 primary election. By 2018, requires all federal, state, and county primary, special primary, general, special general, and special elections to be conducted by mail. Enables absentee walk-in voting to continue prior to election day. Ensures limited polling sites in each county remain open on election day for absentee walk-in voting and to receive mail-in ballots. Appropriates funds for the implementation and administration of the election by mail program.

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