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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 Act 136, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 2019, established that all elections statewide  
3 were to be conducted by mail beginning with the 2020 primary  
4 election. This Act allows election officials to establish  
5 additional voter service centers, beyond the single center  
6 designated for each county, and permits these additional voter  
7 service centers to operate during different days and times.  
8 This addresses the needs of voters in certain areas where no  
9 voter service center would have been established due to an  
10 inability to obtain a facility or requisite personnel to support  
11 the operation of a voter service center for ten business days or  
12 the hours established for voter service centers statewide.

13           SECTION 2. Section 11-109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

15           "(a) Voter service centers shall be established [~~at the~~  
16 ~~office of the clerk, and may be established at additional~~  
17 ~~locations within a county as may be designated by a clerk]~~ by



1 the clerks to service the particular needs of [a] each county's  
2 voters. For a county with more than one island in its  
3 jurisdiction, there shall be at least one voter service center  
4 on each island; provided that the island of Niihau shall not be  
5 subject to this requirement.

6 (b) [~~Voter service centers~~] In each county, a voter  
7 service center shall be open from the tenth business day  
8 preceding the day of the election during regular business hours  
9 until the time provided in section 11-131 on the date of the  
10 election and at the same times statewide. The clerks may  
11 operate additional voter service centers having varying days or  
12 hours of operations to service the voters of particular areas  
13 that otherwise could not support the operation of a voter  
14 service center for ten business days or the same times  
15 statewide; provided that all voter service centers shall remain  
16 open until 7:00 p.m. on the date of the election. Any voter  
17 standing in line at a voter service center at the closing time  
18 provided in section 11-131 on the date of the election and  
19 having the intent of voting shall be allowed to vote. A person  
20 eligible to vote but who is not registered to vote and is  
21 standing in line at a voter service center at the closing time



1 provided in section 11-131 on the date of the election shall be  
2 permitted to apply under section 11-15.2 to register to vote and  
3 subsequently vote that election day. To the extent the  
4 registration clerk determines the applicant to be registered at  
5 that time, the applicant will be permitted to vote by regular  
6 ballot. If additional time is required to process the  
7 application, the applicant will be provided a provisional  
8 ballot."

9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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**Report Title:**

Office of Elections Package; Elections; Voter Service Centers

**Description:**

Authorizes election officials to establish additional voter service centers. (SD2)

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