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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VALIDATION OF BALLOTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3           1. By amending subsection (c) to read:

4           "(c) Any ballot the validity of which cannot be  
5 established upon receipt shall be retained by the clerk and  
6 shall not be commingled with ballots for which validity has been  
7 established until the validity of the ballot in question can be  
8 verified by the clerk. No ballot shall be included in an  
9 initial tabulation until the clerk has determined its validity.  
10 The clerk shall make reasonable efforts to determine the  
11 validity of ballots within [~~seven~~] five business days following  
12 an election day. No ballot shall be validated beyond the  
13 [~~seventh~~] fifth business day following an election."

14           2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

15           "(e) No election result shall be certified pursuant to  
16 section 11-155 unless all ballots verified as valid by the clerk  
17 within [~~seven~~] five business days following an election day have



1 been added to the final tabulation. Recount of a final  
2 tabulation shall be as provided by law."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Office of Elections Package; Mail-In Ballots; Validity;  
Timeframe

**Description:**

Changes the deadline for the validation of ballots following an  
election. (HD1)

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