



GOV. MSG. NO. 1291

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

July 3, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 3, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2240 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.
ACT 190

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUL 3 2024

THE SENATE
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 2240
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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 the participation of
2 eligible voters in elections is vital to American democracy. An
3 integral part of voter participation is the maintenance of
4 accurate and current voter registration rolls. The Electronic
5 Registration Information Center, Inc., or ERIC, is a nonprofit
6 organization that was formed in 2012 to help states improve the
7 accuracy of voter registration rolls by using secure
8 data-matching tools. ERIC uses the voter registration rolls of
9 member states and several other databases, such as driver's
10 licensing records, Social Security Administration records, and
11 the United States Postal Service's national change of address
12 registry to compare voting lists. Twenty-four states and the
13 District of Columbia now participate in ERIC and receive, as
14 member states, reports that list voters who have moved within
15 the respective states, voters who have moved out of a state,
16 voters having duplicate registrations within a state, voters who
17 have passed away, and individuals who are potentially eligible
18 to vote and have not yet registered to do so.



1 The legislature further finds that many persons reside in
2 Hawaii on a part-time basis. This mobile population may be
3 registered to vote in more than one state due to outdated
4 registration records, thus challenging the accuracy of Hawaii's
5 and other states' voter registration rolls. The legislature
6 also finds that part of the process for a state to be admitted
7 as a member of ERIC is for that state to send mailers to its
8 residents who have driver's licenses but are not registered to
9 vote, encouraging them to register to vote. Accordingly, the
10 legislature finds that modernizing Hawaii's system of verifying
11 voter registration data is essential to ensuring the integrity
12 of Hawaii's voter registration rolls.

13 The purpose of this Act is to require:

- 14 (1) The office of elections to file an application with
15 ERIC for the State to be admitted as a member of the
16 organization; and
17 (2) The State and each county to use the information and
18 services made available by ERIC to verify their voter
19 rolls.



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

4 "§11- Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc.;
5 membership; voter registration; verification; annual budget
6 request. (a) No later than June 30, 2025, the office of
7 elections shall file an application with Electronic Registration
8 Information Center, Inc., for the State's admission as a member
9 of that organization.

10 (b) The office of elections shall share with each county
11 the information and services made available by Electronic
12 Registration Information Center, Inc., pursuant to the terms and
13 conditions of the State's membership agreement with the
14 organization. The office of elections and each county office
15 that administers elections shall use information and services
16 made available by Electronic Registration Information Center,
17 Inc., to verify their respective voter registration rolls.

18 (c) The office of elections shall take necessary actions
19 to maintain the State's membership with Electronic Registration
20 Information Center, Inc.



1 (d) Beginning with fiscal year 2025-2026 and each fiscal
2 year thereafter, the office of elections shall request as part
3 of its annual budget an appropriation from the legislature to
4 pay the State's annual membership dues to Electronic
5 Registration Information Center, Inc."

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$125,000 or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the
9 office of elections to prepare and file an application with
10 Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., for the State
11 to be admitted as a member of the organization, and for the
12 office of elections to send mailers to all Hawaii residents who
13 have driver's licenses but are not registered to vote,
14 encouraging them to register to vote.

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

17 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

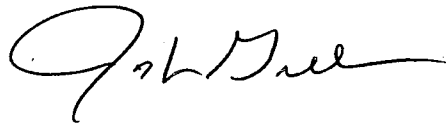
18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.



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APPROVED this **3rd** day of **July**, 2024




GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2240, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives