

ACT 195

H.B. NO. 1255

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for the Office of Elections.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, P.L. 107-252, provides for payments to states to improve the administration of federal elections. The State could receive a projected \$5,000,000 to improve the administration of elections and to replace punch cards and lever machines. The State could also receive an estimated \$15,000,000 to meet the requirements of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, train poll workers, provide voter education, and improve the administration of federal elections. The Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires the development of a state plan, matching funds of approximately five per cent, and maintenance of effort funding to maintain the expenditures of the State for activities funded to not less than the level of expenditures maintained by the State in the fiscal year ending prior to November 2000.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the office of elections to meet the five per cent matching fund requirement of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2003-2004 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2004-2005 for the office of elections to meet the five per cent matching fund requirement of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2003.

(Approved June 19, 2003.)