
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a voter registration
2 deadline thirty days prior to an election does not encourage
3 participation in the electoral process and that many citizens do
4 not become passionate about the electoral process until after
5 the registration deadline. The legislature further finds that
6 election day registration will allow more citizens to
7 participate in the electoral process.

8 The purpose of this Act is to provide for voter
9 registration on election day; provided the voter can prove
10 residency in the district.

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

14 "§11- Election day registration. (a) Persons seeking
15 to vote on primary, special primary, special, general, or
16 special general election day may register on that election day
17 by appearing during the hours of voting in person at the polling
18 place for the precinct in which the person maintains residence,



1 by completing an application to register pursuant to section 11-
2 15, making an oath in the form prescribed by the chief election
3 officer, providing proof of identity, and providing proof of
4 residence.

5 (b) Proof of identity may be provided by one of the
6 following:

7 (1) A valid United States passport;

8 (2) A valid Hawaii driver's license;

9 (3) A Hawaii civil identification certificate issued
10 pursuant to section 846-30; or

11 (4) A valid identification card issued by any component of
12 the military.

13 (c) Proof of residency may be provided by one of the
14 following:

15 (1) A valid Hawaii driver's license;

16 (2) A Hawaii civil identification certificate issued
17 pursuant to section 846-30;

18 (3) A utility bill showing the voter's current home
19 address;

20 (4) A bank statement, credit union statement, credit card
21 statement, or brokerage account statement showing the
22 voter's current home address; or



- 1 (5) A valid student identification that:
- 2 (A) Shows proof of having met the requirements of
- 3 section 304A-402; and
- 4 (B) Contains a photograph of the person identified;
- 5 provided that the document used to establish identity pursuant
- 6 to subsection (b) shall not also be used to establish residency
- 7 pursuant to subsection (c).
- 8 (d) Nothing in this section shall allow a person to avoid
- 9 fulfilling any requirements of registration pursuant to section
- 10 11-15."

11 SECTION 3. Section 11-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

12 amended by amending its title and subsections (a) and (b) to

13 read as follows:

14 "**§11-24 [Closing register,] Registration before election**

15 **day; list of voters.** (a) At 4:30 p.m. on the thirtieth day

16 prior to each primary, special primary, or special election (but

17 if the day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday then at 4:30 p.m.

18 on the first working day immediately thereafter), the general

19 county register shall be closed to registration for persons

20 seeking to vote at the primary, special primary or special

21 election and remain closed to registration until after the



1 election, subject to change only as provided in sections
2 11-21(c), 11-22, 11-25, 11-26, 11- , and this section.

3 (b) Notwithstanding the closing of the register for
4 registration before election day to vote at the primary or
5 special primary election, the register shall remain open for the
6 registration of persons seeking to vote at the general or
7 special general election, until 4:30 p.m. on the thirtieth day
8 prior to the general or special general election (but if the day
9 is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday then at 4:30 p.m. on the first
10 working day immediately thereafter), at the end of which period
11 the general county register shall be closed to registration and
12 remain closed until after the general or special general
13 election next following, subject to change only as provided in
14 sections 11-21(c), 11-22, 11-25, [~~and~~] 11-26[~~-~~], and 11- ."

15 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for
18 developing an election day voter registration system.

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

21 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050;
2 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Election Day Registration

Description:

Authorizes voter registration on election day. Requires office of elections to develop an election day registration system. Makes appropriation. (SD2)

