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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 bill allows election officials to establish  
5 additional voter service centers, beyond the one designated for  
6 each county, by permitting these additional voter service  
7 centers to operate during different days and times. This  
8 addresses the needs of voters in certain areas where no voter  
9 service center would have been established due to an inability  
10 to obtain a facility or personnel to support the operation of a  
11 voter service center for ten business days or the hours  
12 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.

3 (b) [~~Voter service centers~~] In each county, a voter  
4 service center shall be open from the tenth business day  
5 preceding the day of the election during regular business hours  
6 until the time provided in section 11-131 on the date of the  
7 election and at the same times statewide. The clerks may  
8 operate additional voter service centers having varying days or  
9 hours of operations to service the voters of particular areas  
10 that otherwise could not support the operation of a voter  
11 service center for ten business days or the same times  
12 statewide. Any voter standing in line at a voter service center  
13 at the closing time provided in section 11-131 on the date of  
14 the election and having the intent of voting shall be allowed to  
15 vote. A person eligible to vote but who is not registered to  
16 vote and is standing in line at a voter service center at the  
17 closing time provided in section 11-131 on the date of the  
18 election shall be permitted to apply under section 11-15.2 to  
19 register to vote and subsequently vote that election day. To  
20 the extent the registration clerk determines the applicant to be  
21 registered at that time, the applicant will be permitted to vote



1 a regular ballot. If additional time is required to process the  
2 application, the applicant will be provided a provisional  
3 ballot."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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

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INTRODUCED BY:   
By Request



# S.B. NO. 2137

**Report Title:**

Office of Elections Package; Elections; Voter Service Centers

**Description:**

Authorizes election officials to establish additional voter service centers.

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