THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII S.B. NO. 178

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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:

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

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

"(c) Any ballot the validity of which cannot be 4 5 established upon receipt shall be retained by the clerk and shall not be commingled with ballots for which validity has been 6 established until the validity of the ballot in question can be 7 8 verified by the clerk. No ballot shall be included in an 9 initial tabulation until the clerk has determined its validity. The clerk shall make reasonable efforts to determine the 10 validity of ballots within [seven] five business days following 11 12 an election day. No ballot shall be validated beyond the 13 [seventh] fifth business day following an election." 14 2. By amending subsect6ion (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



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been added to the final tabulation. Recount of a final 1 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 4 and stricken.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. 6 INTRODUCED BY: MMN.M. By Request

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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.

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