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S.B. NO. 1552

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 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, and providing proof of residence.

4 (b) Proof of residency may be provided by two of the
5 following:

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

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

9 (3) A utility bill showing the voter's current home
10 address;

11 (4) A bank statement showing the voter's current home
12 address; or

13 (5) A valid student identification that:

14 (A) Shows proof of having met the requirements of
15 section 304A-402; and

16 (B) Contains a photograph of the person identified.

17 (c) Nothing in this section shall allow a person to avoid
18 fulfilling any requirements of registration pursuant to section
19 11-15."

20 SECTION 3. Section 11-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended by amending its title and subsections (a) and (b) to
22 read as follows:



1 "§11-24 [~~Closing register~~] Registration before election
2 day; list of voters. (a) At 4:30 p.m. on the thirtieth day
3 prior to each primary, special primary, or special election (but
4 if the day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday then at 4:30 p.m.
5 on the first working day immediately thereafter), the general
6 county register shall be closed to registration for persons
7 seeking to vote at the primary, special primary or special
8 election and remain closed to registration until after the
9 election, subject to change only as provided in sections 11-
10 21(c), 11-22, 11-25, 11-26, 11-___, and this section.
11 (b) Notwithstanding the closing of the register for
12 registration before election day to vote at the primary or
13 special primary election, the register shall remain open for the
14 registration of persons seeking to vote at the general or
15 special general election, until 4:30 p.m. on the thirtieth day
16 prior to the general or special general election (but if the day
17 is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday then at 4:30 p.m. on the first
18 working day immediately thereafter), at the end of which period
19 the general county register shall be closed to registration and
20 remain closed until after the general or special general
21 election next following, subject to change only as provided in
22 section 11-21(c), 11-22, 11-25, 11-26, and 11-___."



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

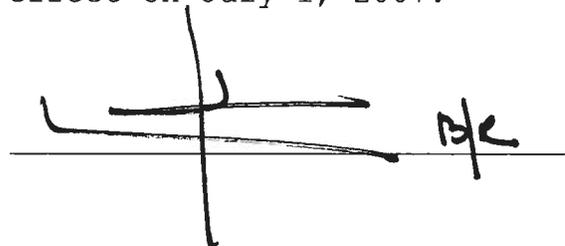
5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
6 elections for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New material is underscored.

9 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2008;
10 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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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.

