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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 voter confidence has
- 2 been shaken by recent voting irregularities in Hawaii and in
- 3 other states. In order to restore public confidence and
- 4 encourage higher participation in the voting process, the
- 5 legislature believes that every effort should be made to reveal
- 6 voting results as soon as practicable to the voters in every
- 7 precinct. The legislature understands that the voting machines
- 8 used in the polling places are capable of printing the totals of
- 9 the ballots deposited into those machines. This being the case,
- 10 the legislature finds that there is no reason why results of
- 11 votes cast at each polling place cannot be printed out and
- 12 posted at that precinct after the polls are closed.
- 13 SECTION 2. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 14 by adding a new section in part IX to be appropriately
- 15 designated and to read as follows:
- 16 "\$11- Totals of votes cast at each polling place; posting
- 17 results. Within one hour after a poll has officially closed

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- 1 after each election, the polling place shall post a printout of
- 2 voting results from that polling place. The printed results
- 3 shall remain posted for twenty-four hours at a location at or
- 4 near the polling place where the public has access."
- 5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect apon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

Report Title:

Election Results; Precincts to Post

Description:

Requires each polling place to post for 24 hours, beginning after the closing of the polls, the printout results from that polling place's voting machines.