

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-131, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§11-131 Hours of voting. The polls shall be opened by

4 the precinct officials at 7:00 a.m. of the election day and

5 shall be kept open continuously until [6:00] 7:00 p.m. of that

6 day. If, at the closing hour of voting, any voter desiring to

7 vote is standing in line outside the entrance of the polls with

8 the desire of entering and voting, but due to the polling place

9 being overcrowded has been unable to do so, the voter shall be

10 allowed to vote irrespective of the closing hour of voting. No

11 voter shall be permitted to enter or join the line after the

12 prescribed hour for closing the polls. If all of the registered

13 voters of the precinct have cast their votes prior to the

14 closing time, the polls may be closed earlier but the votes

15 shall not be counted until after closing time unless allowed by

16 the chief election officer."

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- 1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Changes the closing time of polling places on election day to $7:00~\mathrm{p.m.}$

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