A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 2 by adding a new section to part VIII to be appropriately
- 3 designated and to read as follows:
- 4 "§11- Ballot images. A voter shall not be prohibited
- 5 from distributing or sharing an electronic or digital image of
- 6 the voter's own marked ballot via social media or other means
- 7 regardless of how the voter acquired the image; provided that
- 8 this section shall not be a defense for any election offenses
- 9 under chapter 19 or related offenses under the Penal Code."
- 10 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Elections; Marked Ballot; Electronic or Digital Images

Description:

Allows a voter to distribute or share an electronic or digital image of the voter's own marked ballot via social media or other means. Establishes that distributing or sharing the image of a voter's own marked ballot is not a defense for any election offenses or related offenses under the Penal Code. (SD1)

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