
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO PROVIDE A STATUS UPDATE ON
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HAWAII'S NEW VOTER REGISTRATION
SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) was
2 signed into law on October 29, 2002, to establish a program to
3 assist in the administration of elections; and
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5 WHEREAS, HAVA appropriated \$3,280,000,000 to the states, of
6 which Hawaii received \$16,596,803; and
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8 WHEREAS, HAVA required states to comply with HAVA by
9 January 1, 2006, and to use the funds to establish and implement
10 new programs and standards pertaining to a computerized
11 statewide voter registration database, provisional voting,
12 voting information, updated and upgraded voting equipment,
13 administrative complaints, and voter identification; and
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15 WHEREAS, HAVA does not require states to re-appropriate the
16 funds, but instead requires that each state submit a state plan
17 regarding programs and funds for publication in the Federal
18 Register to the Election Assistance Commission; and
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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii's HAVA state plan was published in the
21 Federal Register on March 24, 2004; and
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23 WHEREAS, computerized voter registration systems play a
24 vital role in ensuring the accuracy and validity of the
25 electoral process; and
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27 WHEREAS, Hawaii allocated \$4,000,000 of funds provided
28 pursuant to section 251 of HAVA for a new voter registration
29 system; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Office of Elections issued a request for
32 proposals and executed a contract with a vendor to provide a new
33 voter registration and election management system; and



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2 WHEREAS, as an election stakeholder, the Legislature needs
3 assurance that the new voter registration system project is
4 being properly managed and will be ready for use in the 2018
5 elections; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
9 that the Office of Elections is requested to provide the
10 Legislature with a status update on the implementation of
11 Hawaii's new voter registration system; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Elections is
14 requested to include, at a minimum, the following information in
15 the status update:

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17 (1) Project management schedule that itemizes the various
18 project deliverables and delivery timeline;
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20 (2) Identification of completed deliverables and the
21 amounts paid to the State's contractor;
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23 (3) Description of the process used for quality assurance
24 and resolution of issues or problems identified by
25 users;
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27 (4) Management plan for the voter registration system that
28 includes descriptions of the projected annual
29 operational costs, risk mitigation, and user support;
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32 (5) Itemization of expenditures from funds provided
33 pursuant to sections 101 and 251 of HAVA; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Elections is
36 requested to submit:

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38 (1) A preliminary status update to the Legislature no
39 later than July 1, 2016; and
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1 (2) A final status update to the Legislature no later than
2 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
3 Session of 2017; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Election Officer,
7 Chairperson of the Elections Commission, and County Clerk of
8 each county in this State.
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