
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTION INTEGRITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that free and fair
2 elections are the backbone of a functioning democratic process.
3 However, the electoral process has been under scrutiny notably
4 since 2016 with the election of President Donald J. Trump. While
5 this is not the first time that election results and processes
6 have been called into question, this event serves as the
7 backdrop to an even more contentious election, the 2020
8 presidential election, in which Joseph R. Biden was elected
9 President of the United States.

10 The legislature also finds that Hawaii in particular is in
11 need of drastic election integrity reforms. In the 2022 state
12 general election, numerous residents in multiple precincts noted
13 that the lack of physical voter service centers made in-person
14 voting much more stressful and less efficient than it should be.

15 The legislature further finds that it is in the best
16 interest of the people of Hawaii to have transparency in the
17 election process. Currently there exist much doubt and



1 reservations regarding the safety and integrity of ballots. The
2 public confidence in government and the accuracy of election
3 results would be best served through 24-hour video surveillance
4 of ballot boxes.

5 The purpose of this Act is to bolster election integrity in
6 the state of Hawaii by increasing measures to verify the
7 accuracy of voter rolls, install security cameras on ballot
8 boxes, and open more voter service centers on election days in
9 Hawaii.

10 SECTION 2. Section 11-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 **"PART II. REGISTRATION**

13 **§11-11 Registration.** (a) A person who registers as
14 required by law shall be entitled to vote at any election
15 provided that the person shall have attained the age of eighteen
16 at the time of that election. The county clerk shall be
17 responsible for voter registration in the respective counties
18 and the keeping of the general register and precinct lists
19 within the county.

20 (b) Except for the mailing of sample ballots, a county
21 clerk who mails an item to any voter shall send the mailing by



1 nonforwardable first class mail marked with the statement
2 required by the postmaster to receive an address correction
3 notification. If the item is returned undelivered, the county
4 clerk shall send a follow-up notice to that voter within three
5 weeks of receipt of the returned notice. The county clerk shall
6 send the follow up notice to the address that appears in the
7 general county register or to the forwarding address provided by
8 the United States Postal Service. The follow-up notice shall
9 include an appropriate internet address for revising voter
10 registration information or a registration form and shall state
11 that if the voter does not complete and return a new
12 registration form with current information to the county clerk
13 or make changes to the voter's registration information that is
14 maintained online within thirty-five days, the voter's
15 registration status shall be changed from active to inactive.

16 (c) If the voter provides the county recorder with a new
17 registration form or otherwise revises the voter's information,
18 the county clerk shall change the general register to reflect
19 the changes indicated on the new registration. If the voter
20 indicates a new residence address outside of the county, the
21 county clerk shall forward the voter registration form or



1 revised information to the county clerk of the county in which
2 the voter's address is located. If the voter provides a new
3 residence address that is located outside this state, the county
4 clerk shall cancel the elector's registration.

5 (d) The county clerk shall maintain on the inactive voter
6 list the names of electors who have been removed from the
7 general register pursuant to subsection (b) or (f) of this
8 section for a period of four years or through the date of the
9 second general election for federal office following the date of
10 the notice from the county clerk that is sent pursuant to
11 subsection F of this section.

12 (e) On notice that a government agency has changed the name
13 of any street, route number, post office box number, or other
14 address designation, the county clerk shall revise the
15 registration records and shall send a new verification of
16 registration notice to the electors whose records were changed.

17 (f) On the first day of each month, the county clerk shall
18 use the change of address information supplied by the postal
19 service through its licensees to identify registrants whose
20 addresses may have changed. If it appears from the information
21 provided by the postal service that a registrant has moved to a



1 different residence address in the same county, the county clerk
2 shall change the registration records to reflect the new address
3 and shall send the registrant a notice of the change by
4 forwardable mail and a postage prepaid preaddressed return form
5 or an appropriate internet address for revising voter
6 registration information. If the registrant fails to revise the
7 information or return the form postmarked not later than thirty-
8 five days after the mailing of the notice, the voter's
9 registration status shall be changed from active to inactive. If
10 the notice sent by the clerk is not returned, the registrant
11 shall be required to provide affirmation or confirmation of the
12 registrant's address in order to vote. If the registrant does
13 not vote in an election during the period after the date of the
14 notice from the clerk through the date of the second general
15 election for federal office following the date of that notice,
16 the registrant's name shall be removed from the list of active
17 voters. If the registrant has changed residence to a new county,
18 the county clerk shall provide information on how the registrant
19 can continue to be eligible to vote.

20 (g) The county clerk shall reject any application for
21 registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of



1 United States citizenship. Satisfactory evidence of citizenship
2 shall include any of the following:

3 (1) The number of the applicant's driver's license or
4 nonoperating identification license issued after October 1,
5 1996 by the department of transportation or equivalent
6 governmental agency of another state within the United
7 States if the agency indicates on the applicant's driver
8 license or nonoperating identification license that the
9 person has provided satisfactory proof of United States
10 citizenship.

11 (2) A legible photocopy of the applicant's birth
12 certificate that verifies citizenship to the satisfaction
13 of the county clerk.

14 (3) A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the
15 applicant's United States passport identifying the
16 applicant and the applicant's passport number or
17 presentation to the county clerk of the applicant's United
18 States passport.

19 (4) A presentation to the county clerk of the applicant's
20 United States naturalization documents or the number of the
21 certificate of naturalization. IF only the number of the



1 certificate of naturalization is provided, the applicant
2 shall not be included in the registration rolls until the
3 number of the certificate of naturalization is verified
4 with the United States immigration and naturalization
5 service by the county clerk.

6 (5) Other documents or methods of proof that are
7 established pursuant to the immigration reform and control
8 act of 1986.

9 (6) The applicant's bureau of Indian affairs card number,
10 tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number.

11 (h) Notwithstanding subsection g of this section, any
12 person who is registered in this state on the effective date of
13 this Act is deemed to have provided satisfactory evidence of
14 citizenship and shall not be required to resubmit evidence of
15 citizenship unless the person is changing voter registration
16 from one county to another.

17 (i) For the purpose of this section, proof of voter
18 registration from another state or county is not satisfactory
19 evidence of citizenship.

20 (j) A person who modifies voter registration records with a
21 new residence ballot shall not be required to submit evidence of



1 citizenship. After citizenship has been demonstrated to the
2 county clerk, the person is not required to resubmit
3 satisfactory evidence of citizenship in that county.

4 (k) After a person has submitted satisfactory evidence of
5 citizenship, the county clerk shall indicate this information in
6 the person's permanent voter file. After two years the county
7 clerk may destroy all documents that were submitted as evidence
8 of citizenship."

9 SECTION 3. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
10 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
11 read as follows:

12 "§11- Security cameras for ballot boxes. (a) The office of
13 elections:

14 (1) Shall provide 24-hour video surveillance of each ballot
15 drop box; and

16 (2) Shall post a sign on or near each ballot drop box
17 indicating that the ballot drop box is under 24-hour video
18 surveillance."

19 SECTION 4. Section 11-92.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended to read as follows:



1 "§11-92.1 Election proclamation; establishment of a new
2 precinct; voter service centers and places of deposit; changes
3 to precinct boundaries. (a) The clerk shall issue a
4 proclamation listing all voter service centers and places of
5 deposit, including the days each voter service center and place
6 of deposit is open and the hours of operations and location of
7 each voter service center and place of deposit, as may have been
8 determined by the clerk as of the proclamation date and whenever
9 a new precinct is established in any representative district.
10 The clerk shall make arrangements for the rental or erection of
11 suitable shelter for the establishment of a voter service center
12 whenever public buildings are not available and shall cause
13 these voter service centers to be equipped with the necessary
14 facilities for lighting, ventilation, and equipment needed for
15 elections on any island. There shall be at least one voter
16 service center per precinct. This proclamation may be issued
17 jointly with the proclamation required in section 11-91.
18 (b) No change shall be made in the boundaries of any
19 precinct later than 4:30 p.m. on the tenth day before the close
20 of filing for an election.



1 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), and pursuant to
2 section 15-2.5, the clerk is not required to establish voter
3 service centers for precincts affected by natural disasters, as
4 provided in section 15-2.5."

5 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.
6 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.

7 SECTION 6. If any provision of this Act, or the
8 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
9 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
10 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
11 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
12 of this Act are severable.

13 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

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H.B. NO. 628

Report Title:

Election Integrity; Secure and Accurate Elections

Description:

Amends various provisions to improve the integrity and accuracy of voter rolls, ballot security, and increases the number of voter service centers.

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