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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VALIDATION OF BALLOTS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 11-108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended as follows:
- 3 1. By amending subsection (c) to read:
- 4 "(c) Any ballot the validity of which cannot be
- 5 established upon receipt shall be retained by the clerk and
- 6 shall not be commingled with ballots for which validity has been
- 7 established until the validity of the ballot in question can be
- 8 verified by the clerk. No ballot shall be included in an
- 9 initial tabulation until the clerk has determined its validity.
- 10 The clerk shall make reasonable efforts to determine the
- 11 validity of ballots within [seven] five business days following
- 12 an election day. No ballot shall be validated beyond the
- 13 [seventh] fifth business day following an election."
- 14 2. By amending subsect6ion (e) to read:
- 15 "(e) No election result shall be certified pursuant to
- 16 section 11-155 unless all ballots verified as valid by the clerk
- 17 within [seven] five business days following an election day have



- been added to the final tabulation. Recount of a final 1
- 2 tabulation shall be as provided by law."
- 3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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By Request

S.B. NO. 178

Report Title:

Office of Elections Package; Mail-In Ballots; Validity; Timeframe

Description:

Changes the deadline for the validation of ballots following an election.

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