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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTER SERVICE CENTERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§11-109 Voter service centers; places of deposit.** (a)

4 Voter service centers shall be established by the clerks to
5 service the particular needs of each county's voters.

6 (b) In each county, a voter service center shall be open
7 from the tenth business day preceding the day of the election
8 during regular business hours until the closing hour of voting
9 and at the same times statewide. The clerks may operate
10 additional voter service centers with varying days or hours of
11 operation to service the voters of particular areas that
12 otherwise could not support the operation of a voter service
13 center for ten business days or the same times statewide.

14 Anyone standing in line at a voter service center at the closing
15 hour of voting with the intent of voting shall be permitted to
16 do so. A person eligible to vote but who is not registered to
17 vote standing in line at a voter service center at the closing



1 hour of voting shall be permitted to apply under section 11-15.2
2 to register to vote and subsequently vote that election day. To
3 the extent the registration clerk determines the applicant to be
4 registered at that time, the applicant will be permitted to vote
5 a regular ballot. If additional time is required to process the
6 application, the applicant shall be provided a provisional
7 ballot.

8 (c) The clerks shall maintain separate lines at a voter
9 service center for:

10 (1) Voters with accessibility needs arising from a
11 disability, including a visual or hearing impairment,
12 that require an accommodation to vote;

13 (2) Voters who are newly registering to vote or conducting
14 a change of name or residence; and

15 (3) All other voters.

16 If a line is unoccupied, any clerks assigned to that line may
17 assist voters in another line until new voters appear at the
18 unoccupied line.

19 ~~(e)~~ (d) Each voter service center shall provide the
20 services specified in section 11-1 under the definition of
21 "voter service center".



1 [~~(d)~~] (e) The clerks may designate and provide for places
2 of deposit to be open as early as the mailing of ballots by the
3 clerks; provided that the locations and apparatus for receiving
4 voted ballots can be securely maintained during the period of
5 use for each election, and as may be permitted by the
6 operational hours."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Office of Elections; Voter Service Centers; Accessibility;
Accommodations

Description:

Requires clerks at a voter service center to maintain separate lines for voters with accessibility needs, voters who are newly registering or conducting a change of name or residence, and all other voters unless a line is unoccupied.

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