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H.B. NO. 2844

A Bill for an Act Relating to Voter Education.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to expressly provide that one of the responsibilities of the chief election officer is to educate the public regarding voter registration and voter information.

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

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“§11-2 Chief election officer. (a) The lieutenant governor shall be the chief election officer for the administration of this title. The lieutenant governor shall supervise all state elections. The chief election officer may delegate responsibilities in state elections within a county to the clerk of that county or to other specified persons.

(b) The chief election officer shall be responsible for the maximization of registration of eligible electors throughout the State. In maximizing registration the chief election officer shall make an effort to equalize registration between districts, with particular effort in those districts in which the chief election officer determines registration is lower than desirable. The chief election officer in carrying out this function may make surveys, carry on house to house canvassing, and assist or direct the clerk in any other area of registration.

(c) The chief election officer shall maintain data concerning registered voters, elections, apportionment, and districting. The chief election officer shall use this data to assist the reapportionment commission provided for under Article IV of the Constitution.

(d) The chief election officer shall be responsible for public education with respect to voter registration and information.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underlined.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 12, 1990.)