

A Bill for an Act Relating to Election Proclamations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11-91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§11-91 Proclamation.** [~~Not~~ No] later than 4:30 p.m. on the tenth day [~~prior to~~] before the close of filing in elections involving state offices, the chief election officer shall issue an election proclamation. In elections involving only county offices the clerk shall issue the proclamation. In elections involving both state and county offices the proclamation may be issued jointly.

The proclamation shall contain a statement of the [~~time and places where, and the~~] purposes for which[;] the election is to be held, and a designation of the offices and the terms thereof for which candidates are to be nominated or elected. It may also contain any other relevant matter including an offer of rewards for the detection and conviction of offenders against the election laws. The chief election officer or clerk shall cause the election proclamation to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation and [~~not~~] no later than on the tenth day [~~prior to~~] before the close of filing.”

SECTION 2. Section 11-92.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) The [~~chief election officer~~] clerk shall issue a proclamation listing all voter service centers and places of deposit, including the days each voter service center and place of deposit is open and the hours of operations and location of each voter service center and place of deposit, as may have been determined by the clerk as of the proclamation date. The clerk shall make arrangements for the rental or erection of suitable shelter for the establishment of a voter service center whenever public buildings are not available and shall cause these voter service centers to be equipped with the necessary facilities for lighting, ventilation, and equipment needed for elections on any island. This proclamation may be issued jointly with the proclamation required in section 11-91.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved April 16, 2021.)