



RESOLUTION

APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2013 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A PROPOSAL TO ALLOW VOTERS TO REGISTER ON THE DAY OF AN ELECTION.

WHEREAS, citizens of Hawaii do not have an absolute constitutional right to vote because the state constitution allows a citizen to vote only if that citizen is first registered to vote; and

WHEREAS, the civic rights of Hawaii's citizens to govern through representational government via voting for elected officials should not be overly hindered by procedural voter registration requirements; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires voters to register 30 days in advance to vote in a primary, general or special election; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, only 36 percent of eligible Hawaii citizens turned out to vote according to the United States Elections Project; and

WHEREAS, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Wisconsin and Wyoming allow voters to register and vote on the same day; and

WHEREAS, those nine states have realized increased voter turnout since the enactment of same day registration legislation, with up to a 17 percent higher voter turnout rate than the national average; and

WHEREAS, removal of the 30 day registration requirement and allowing citizens to register to vote on election day will increase the convenience and ease for Hawaii's eligible citizenry to turn out to vote; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City and County of Honolulu approves for inclusion in the 2013 legislative package a proposal, attached as Exhibit A, to allow voters to register on the day of an election; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Hawaii State Association of Counties and the Mayors of the counties of Kauai, Hawaii, Honolulu and Maui.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUL 18 2012

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Exhibit A

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§11- Election day voter registration.

5 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an individual
6 who is eligible to vote may register on the day of an election
7 by:

8 (1) Appearing in person at the polling place for the
9 precinct in which the voter maintains residency;

10 (2) Completing a voter registration application;

11 (3) Making an oath on a form prescribed by the chief
12 election officer; and

13 (4) Providing proof of residency;

14 provided that in the case of an election conducted by mail, an
15 individual who is eligible to vote may register at the walk-in
16 locations in the same manner as prescribed in paragraphs (1)
17 through (4).

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1 (b) An individual may prove residency for purposes of this
2 section by presenting:

3 (1) A valid Hawaii driver's license or Hawaii state
4 identification card; or

5 (2) Any documentation approved by the chief election
6 officer.

7 (c) No precinct official shall receive the vote of any
8 individual who is not registered pursuant to subsection (a) or
9 section 11-15.

10 (d) The chief election officer or the chief election
11 officer's designee shall maintain a record of the number of
12 individuals who registered to vote on election day and voted, as
13 well as the number of individuals who attempted to register on
14 election day, but were unable to provide proof of residency
15 pursuant to subsection (b). The record shall be included with
16 the election returns for each precinct.

17 (e) The chief election officer shall establish rules
18 pursuant to chapter 91, as necessary to carry out this section."

19 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
C E R T I F I C A T E

RESOLUTION 12-181

Introduced: 07/18/12 By: STANLEY CHANG

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

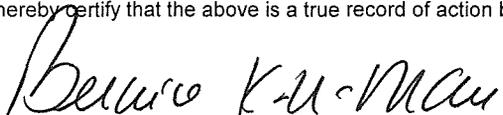
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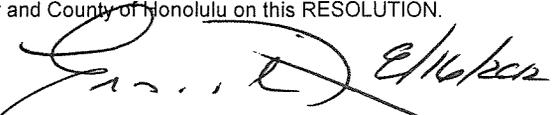
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[CR-248](#)

Voting Legend: Y= Aye, Y* = Aye w/Reservations, N = No, A = Absent, ABN = Abstain

EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	07/24/12	CR-248 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.							
COUNCIL	08/15/12	CR-248 AND RESOLUTION 12-181 WERE ADOPTED.							
ANDERSON	A	BERG	Y	CACHOLA	Y	CHANG	Y	GABBARD	Y
GARCIA	Y	HARIMOTO	Y	KOBAYASHI	Y	MARTIN	Y		

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK


ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER