

Board of Registration

The Board of Registration hears and decides appeals that arise from a voter challenge or a clerk's decision regarding voter registration.

Composition

There are four Boards of Registration representing the following islands:

- Island of Hawaii
- Islands of Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kahoolawe
- Island of Oahu
- Islands of Kauai and Niihau

Each Board consists of three members appointed by the Governor serving four (4) year terms. In no case shall any board consist entirely of members of one political party.

Duties and Responsibilities

Each Board of Registration convenes in their respective county on election day. A board may also convene at the request of the Clerk's Office to hear appeals from registered voters and remain convened until all appeals are heard.

Registration Disputes

In a case where the clerk refuses to correct the register or refuses to register an applicant, the person may appeal to the Board of Registration.

Voter Challenges

Any voter who is rightfully in a polling place, including an early walk-in location, may challenge another voter's right to vote on the grounds that:

- The voter is not the person the voter alleges to be
- The voter is not entitled to vote in that precinct

Any person so challenged will be given the opportunity to make the relevant correction. Otherwise, the challenge will be considered and decided upon immediately by the precinct officials and the ruling announced.

Voter challenges not made in a polling place, including an early walk-in location, shall be in writing, explaining

the grounds upon which it is based and be signed by the person making the challenge. The clerk upon receipt of a written challenge shall investigate and rule on the challenge as soon as possible.

Appeal from Ruling on Challenge

The appropriate Board of Registration hears any appeals to the rulings made by the clerk or precinct officials. Both the challenger and challenged voter has the right to appeal a ruling. The ruling of the Board may be appealed to the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Records of Proceedings

Each Board shall keep books of record in which full and detailed minutes shall be preserved of all their proceedings. The minutes shall be kept from day to day and include date and place of meeting, names of the members present, the name of each person to whom an oath is administered, name of challenger, the decision of the Board, and all other matters of detail which are likely to have a bearing upon the action of the Board or any person appearing before it.

For more information, please refer to HRS §§ 11-11 through 11-54.

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