# **2020 HAWAII PRIMARY ELECTION GUIDE** Your MAILBOX is your BALLOT BOX

Starting this year, all of Hawaii conveniently

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**votes by mail!** Now registered voters simply receive their packet in the mail, complete the ballot in the privacy of their own home and safely mail it before Primary Election Day. **There are no polling places on Election Day.** 

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# **Voter Registration Guide**

In order to vote, you must be registered and your information up-to-date.

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

**Online:** The best way is to visit *elections.hawaii.gov* and click Register to Vote. You must have a current Hawaii Driver License or State ID to log in to the online voter registration system.

**Download:** Print a Voter Registration Application from *elections.hawaii.gov/voters/applications*.

**In-person:** Pick-up an application from one of the locations listed below:

- Office of Elections
- U.S. Post Offices

Make sure your address

is current!

- County Elections Divisions
- Most State Agencies
- State Libraries
- Satellite City Halls

Mail or drop-off your completed Voter Registration Application to your County Elections Division by July 9.

#### Telephone numbers are listed on page 4 of this guide.

## UPDATING YOUR REGISTRATION

You must be properly registered to ensure you receive your mail ballot packet.

That means, if you have moved to a new residence, changed your name or mailing address, you must update your voter registration.

Update your registration online at *elections.hawaii.gov* or by completing a Voter Registration Application and submitting it to your County Elections Division. **Simply follow the same directions you see listed in the previous HOW TO REGISTER section.** 

## NOT SURE IF YOU ARE REGISTERED OR YOUR ADDRESS IS CURRENT?

You can check your voter registration online at *elections.hawaii.gov* by logging in with your Hawaii Driver License or State ID.

You may also contact the Office of Elections or your County Elections Division to confirm your registration is up-to-date. **See the last/page 4 of this guide for telephone numbers.** 

## YOUR MAIL BALLOT PACKET INCLUDES:

#### • Ballot

Review the instructions, contests and candidates on both sides. To vote, completely darken in the box to the left of the candidate using a black or blue pen.

#### Ballot Secrecy Sleeve

Re-fold your voted ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy sleeve. This ensures your right to secrecy as ballots are prepared for counting. Then, place it in your return envelope.

### Return Envelope

Read the affirmation statement and sign the return envelope before returning it to your County Elections Division. After your County Elections Division validates the signature, your ballot will be counted.

You must sign the return envelope for your ballot to be counted.

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## **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 9**

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# **Primary Election Guide**

# **Carefully completing your ballot.**

Hawaii conducts a single party Primary Election to nominate the candidates who will represent each party in the General Election. On your Primary Election ballot, you must first select one political preference only:

- · Libertarian Party
- Green Party
- $\cdot$  Democratic Party
- $\cdot$  Nonpartisan Ballot

• Constitution Party • Republican Party • Aloha Aina Party

· American Shopping Party

Votes for a candidate of another political preference will not be counted.

Everyone may vote in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and County Contests.

# RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT:

#### • By Mail

The return envelope is postage paid via the U.S. Postal Service and addressed to your County Elections Division.

Your ballot should be mailed at least 3-5 days prior to Election Day to ensure it is received by the deadline. Ballots must be received by 7:00 PM on Election Day. Postmarks are not accepted.

#### In-person

You may also drop off your voted ballot to a **voter service center** or **place of deposit** established by your County Elections Division. Find locations and hours at *elections.hawaii.gov*.

#### Voter Service Centers

Voter Service Centers open from July 27 through August 7, Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 8 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Services include accessible in-person voting and same-day voter registration.

#### <u>Hawaii Island</u>

**West Hawaii Civic Center Community Room** Building G 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

#### County of Hawaii Aupuni Center

101 Pauahi Street, #1 Hilo, HI 96720

#### <u>Maui County</u> Lanai Police Station Conference Room 855 Fraser Avenue Lanai City, HI 96763

*Mitchell Pauole Center Conference Room* 90 Ainoa Street Kaunakakai, HI 96748

**Velma McWayne Santos Community Center** 395 Waena Street Wailuku, HI 96793

### Mail your signed ballot no later than five days before Election Day!

<u>Kauai</u> *Piikoi Building Conference Room A / B* 4444 Rice Street Lihue, HI 96766

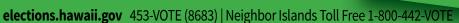
#### <u>Oahu</u> Honolulu Hale 530 South King Street Honolulu, HI 96813

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*Kapolei Hale* 1000 Uluohia Street Kapolei, HI 96707

## JULY 21 BALLOT PACKETS DELIVERED

AUGUST 8 PRIMARY ELECTION



# Quick Reference Guide

The Office of Elections is here to help!

### **KEY DATES CALENDAR**

July 9 Voter Registration Deadline July 21 Primary Election Ballots Delivered July 27 Primary Voter Service Centers Open August 8 Primary Election

October 5 Voter Registration Deadline October 16 General Election Ballots Delivered October 20 General Voter Service Centers Open November 3 General Election

### **CONTACT US**

For voter registration information or to request a replacement ballot, contact your County Elections Division.

#### County Elections Division Telephone Numbers

County of Hawaii (808) 961-8277 County of Maui (808) 270-7749 County of Kauai (808) 241-4800 City & County of Honolulu (808) 768-3800

#### State of Hawaii Office of Elections

Telephone: (808) 453-VOTE (8683) Neighbor Islands Toll Free 1-800-442-VOTE (8683)

Email: elections@hawaii.gov Website: elections.hawaii.gov

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# Q: What does it mean now that we are conducting elections by mail?

A: Starting with the 2020 Primary Election, all registered voters will automatically receive their ballot in the mail and no traditional polling places will be established. Going forward, voters should look for their ballot 18 days prior to each election.

# Q: How do I check if I am registered to vote?

A: You can check your voter registration online at *elections.hawaii.gov* by logging in with your Hawaii Driver License or State ID. You can also call the Office of Elections or your County Elections Division to confirm your registration is up-to-date.

#### Q: Where will my ballot be sent?

A: Your ballot is sent to the mailing address you provide with your voter registration. If you move or change your mailing address, you will need to update your voter registration to ensure you continue to receive your ballot.

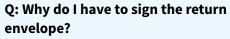
#### Q: What if I didn't receive my ballot?

A: If you do not receive your ballot, check your voter registration and contact your County Elections Division for a replacement.

# Q: What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

A: If you make a mistake, damage your ballot, or change your mind while voting your ballot, contact your County Elections Division for a replacement. Do not use whiteout to correct a mistake.

Call your County Elections Division if you don't receive your ballot by late July!



A: Your signature on the return envelope is matched to your signature on file with your voter registration to confirm your identity.

# Q: What if I am away during the election?

A: Voters away from home during the election, including traveling or school, can request an absentee ballot be sent to an alternate address by completing an Absentee Application. The application is available at

#### elections.hawaii.gov.

#### Q: Can I still vote in-person?

A: Yes, voter service centers will be opened 10 business days prior to each election. Services include accessible in-person voting and same-day voter registration. For locations and hours, visit *elections.hawaii.gov.* 

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