

**FACTSHEET**  
**VOTING IN HAWAII**

**ELECTIONS IN HAWAII**

In every even numbered year, the State of Hawaii holds a PRIMARY ELECTION on the second Saturday in August and a GENERAL ELECTION on the first Tuesday in November.

The 2014 Elections will be held on the following dates:

Primary Election: **Saturday, August 9, 2014**  
General Election: **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

In order to vote in Federal, State or County elections, eligible citizens must register to vote. You are eligible to register if you meet the following qualifications:

- You are a citizen of the United States;
- You are a resident of the State of Hawaii; and
- You are at least 16 years old (but you must be 18 years old by the day of the election to vote).

Registering to vote is easy: all you need to do is complete the Affidavit on Application for Voting (also known as the *Wikiwiki Voter Registration & Permanent Absentee* form) and submit it to the appropriate City/County Clerk's office before the Registration Deadlines.

Primary Registration Deadline: **Thursday, July 10, 2014**  
General Registration Deadline: **Monday, October 6, 2014**

**PRIMARY ELECTION**

The Primary Election is a nomination process to choose candidates who will represent the political parties at the General Election. You, the voter, select the candidates of the political party of your choice. Your choice of party and candidates remains secret.

When voting in the primary, you must select only one party in the Select a Party section of the ballot card, then vote for the party you selected. If you do not select a party and you vote in more than one party ballot, your vote will not be counted.

### **County Contests**

On the Primary Ballot Card, the county election contests are listed separately. On the County Contests section, you may select candidates of your choice in addition to the candidates you may have selected on the party or nonpartisan ballot.

## **GENERAL ELECTION**

In the General Election, you may choose from among the candidates nominated in the Primary Election. You may vote for party or nonpartisan candidates, and your choice of candidates will remain secret.

Federal, State and County offices are listed on the General Ballot Card by contest. Candidates for each office are listed alphabetically and their partisan/nonpartisan affiliation is noted. You may select the candidate of your choice for each contest. You may also vote for the candidates of your choice for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

OHA may have multiple seats up for election. You may vote for no more than the number of candidates specified for each contest.

## **ABSENTEE VOTING**

Anyone registered to vote may vote by absentee ballot – by mail or in person.

To vote absentee by mail:

- You must submit an Application for Absentee Voter Ballot (known as the *Wikiwiki Absentee Application* and *Wikiwiki Voter Registration & Permanent Absentee* form) or write a letter to the City/County Clerk where you are registered to vote. You will need to specify the address you want your ballot mailed to; and
- You must return your completed Application for Absentee Voter Ballot to your City/County Clerk by the following deadlines:

Primary: **Saturday, August 2, 2014**

General: **Tuesday, October 28, 2014**

- You must return your voted Absentee Ballot to your City/County Clerk by the day of the respective election.

To vote absentee in person, you must vote at an absentee polling place established by the City/County Clerk where you are registered to vote. You do not need to request an absentee ballot to vote absentee in person. The periods for Absentee Voting-in-person are:

Primary: **July 28 – August 7, 2014**  
 General: **October 21 – November 1, 2014**

### **Uniformed and Overseas Citizens**

The purpose of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) is to enable absent uniformed services and overseas citizens to vote by absentee ballot in the primary, general, and special elections for Federal Offices. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) assists absent uniformed services and overseas citizens in registering to vote and requesting absentee ballots. If a requested absentee ballot is late in reaching the voter, a Federal-Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) may be used to vote in the General Election for Federal offices. FWABs are available through Voting Assistance Officers at military installations or at U.S. embassies/consulates. Additional information is available on the FVAP website at <http://www.fvap.gov>.

### **WHERE TO VOTE**

Properly registered voters in the State of Hawaii will receive a Notice of Voter Registration and Address Confirmation (NVRAC) postcard prior to the election. The NVRAC lists which election(s) a voter is eligible for, the voter's district/precinct number and polling place location.

Questions regarding voter registration status or polling place location should be directed to the appropriate City/County Clerk:

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

## **POLLING PLACE AND HOURS**

Polling places open at 7 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. To avoid long lines at the polls, vote during non-peak hours:

- In the morning, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- In the afternoon, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## **TIME OFF FOR VOTING**

Hawaii law (HRS §11-95) provides that you may be allowed two hours of time away from work to vote. We encourage you to coordinate time off with your employer by voting before or after work if possible.

## **VOTERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE**

Voters requiring special assistance at the polling place on Election Day should speak to the Voter Assistance Official at their polling place.

This Factsheet is intended for informational purposes only and should not be used as an authority on the Hawaii election law and deadlines. Requirements and/or deadlines may change pending changes in legislation. Consult the Hawaii Revised Statutes and other sources for more detailed and accurate requirements.

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