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## **FACTSHEET**

### **ABSENTEE VOTING**

#### **WHAT IS ABSENTEE VOTING?**

Absentee voting is designed to make voting more convenient for voters. Any registered voter may request to vote absentee, either:

1. In person
2. By mail

#### **HOW DO I VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT?**

##### **In Person**

Absentee polling places shall be established at the office of the respective clerks, and may be established at such other sites as designated by the clerk under the provisions prescribed in the rules adopted by the Chief Election Officer.

Absentee Voting-in-person dates are:

**2008 Primary Election: September 8 – 18, 2008**  
**2008 General Election: October 21 – November 1, 2008**

Please contact your City/County Clerk to inquire about the Absentee Polling Place locations.

##### **By Mail**

To vote an absentee ballot by mail you may do one of the following:

- Write a letter to the City/County Clerk where you are registered.
- Submit an Application for Absentee Ballot.

1. A letter of request shall be mailed to your City/County Clerk containing the following:

- Name under which you are registered to vote
- Address as registered
- Birth Date
- Social Security Number
- Election(s) in which you intend to vote absentee
  - a. Primary
  - b. General
  - c. Primary and General
- Address to which your ballot should be mailed (for each election you are requesting an absentee ballot), if different from registered address.
- Your signature

**Note:** If a request for an absentee ballot is made by one person for another party (i.e. wife requests an absentee ballot for her husband), the letter **must** include the above information and be signed by **all** those requesting ballots.

2. Applications for Absentee Ballots shall be mailed to your City/County Clerk. Applications are available at the following locations:

- City/County Clerk's Offices
- Hawaii State Libraries
- Office of Election's website – download format
- Satellite City Halls
- State agencies
- U. S. Post Offices

Hawaii Revised Statutes §15-4 provides that:

"...Any mailed requests for an absentee ballot shall be mailed by the person directly to the clerk."

Submit your completed application directly to the Office of your City/County Clerk no earlier than 60 days and no later than 7 days before the election.

Absentee Applications/requests will be accepted from July 22, 2008 until:

**2008 Primary Election: Saturday, September 13, 2008**  
**2008 General Election: Tuesday, October 28, 2008**

**Additionally:**

- If there is a chance your ballot will reach your forwarding address before your arrival, please check the box marked "Hold for Arrival" on the "Application for Absentee Voter Ballot."
- All absentee ballots must be received by the clerk issuing the ballots no later than the close of polls on Election Day.

For additional information, please contact your appropriate City/County Clerk

City and County of Honolulu  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Phone: 768-3800

County of Kauai  
4396 Rice Street, Rm. 106  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766  
Phone: 241-6350

County of Maui  
200 South High Street, Rm. 702  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793  
Phone: 270-7749

County of Hawaii  
25 Aupuni Street, Rm. 105  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Phone: 961-8277  
Physical Address:  
Hilo Ironworks Building  
1266 Kamehameha Ave., A-1  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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