

2008



**Everything you
need to know to cast
your vote...**

A Guide to Voting in Hawaii

Primary Election
Saturday, September 20, 2008

General Election
Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Hawaii Votes

Voter Registration

REGISTERING TO VOTE IS EASY.

You must meet the following qualifications to vote:

- Citizen of the United States
- Resident of the State of Hawaii
- At least 16 years old to register (18 years to vote)

Re-register if you have changed your name or address since the last election!

You may also register in person at any of the offices listed on **page 7**, or—even easier—by filling out a Wikiwiki Voter Registration Affidavit and mailing it in.

WIKIWIKI VOTER REGISTRATION AFFIDAVITS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

- All U.S. Post Offices
- The Official Hawaiian Telcom Yellow Pages
- Ad Ventures Hawaii Hawaiian Telephone Book
- Office of Elections Website: www.hawaii.gov/elections
- State of Hawaii Tax Booklet
- Office of the City/County Clerk
- All Public Libraries
- Most state agencies

FIRST TIME VOTERS REGISTERING TO VOTE BY MAIL MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION:

- A copy of a current, valid photo ID, or
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows your name and address.

VOTER NOTIFICATION CARDS

- Are mailed to all voters during the election year
- Will be sent to the voter indicating the election they are registered to vote in and the location of the polling place

Polling places may change—check the card to verify polling place!

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Register now!

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Primary Election

Thursday, August 21, 2008

General Election

Monday, October 6, 2008



Absentee Voting

One of the most convenient ways to vote is by absentee ballot—by mail or in person.

To vote absentee, you must be registered to vote.

ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL

You must write a letter or submit an absentee application to the City/County Clerk where you are registered to vote. You will need to specify the address you want your ballots mailed to.

Absentee Applications accepted from July 22, 2008 until:

Primary

Saturday, September 13, 2008

General

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Download an absentee application at www.hawaii.gov/elections or call 211.

ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON

You must vote at an absentee polling place established by the City/County Clerk where you are registered to vote.

Absentee Voting-in-person dates:

Primary

September 8 – 18, 2008

General

October 21 – November 1, 2008

UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS

The purpose of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) is to permit:

- Absent uniformed services and overseas citizens to use absentee procedures to vote by absentee ballot in the primary, general, and special elections for Federal offices.
- These individuals to use a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) in the General Election for Federal offices.

For additional questions on registering and absentee voting procedures for Uniformed and Overseas Citizens contact:

Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)

Phone: 1-800-438-VOTE (8683)

Email: vote@fvap.ncr.gov

Website: www.fvap.gov

Primary Election

SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

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.

In the Primary Election, you must select only one party in the **Select a Party** section of the ballot card, then vote for the party that you selected.

If you do not select a party and you vote in more than one party ballot in this section, your vote will not be counted.

Vote only for the candidates of the party you selected. Votes for another party's candidates will not be counted.

Your selected party ballot may be on the back side of the ballot card, check both sides before voting.

General Election

NOVEMBER 4, 2008

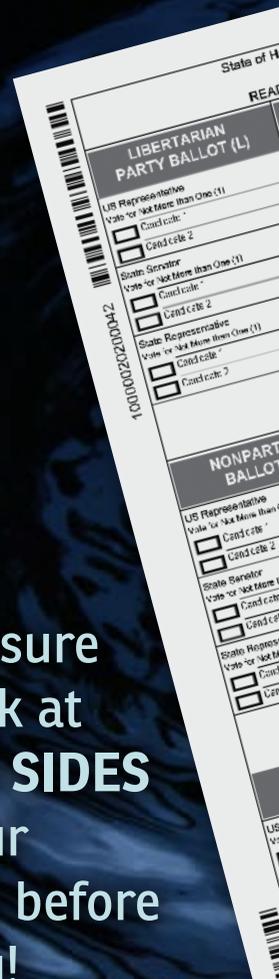
Candidates nominated in the Primary Election compete in the General Election. Federal and State offices are posted on one ballot by contest. Candidates are listed alphabetically and their partisan/non-partisan affiliation is noted. Candidates for county offices, Board of Education and the position of trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs appear on a separate ballot.

Since the General Election is a candidate contest, voters may vote for the candidate of their choice regardless of partisan and nonpartisan affiliation. Be careful to determine the number of candidates you are entitled to vote for in each contest.

Voting for more candidates than allowed in a contest will invalidate your vote.

Make sure to look at **BOTH SIDES** of your ballot before voting!

Your selected party ballot may be on the back side of the ballot card.



How to Mark Your Ballot

SPECIAL NONPARTISAN OFFICES BALLOT

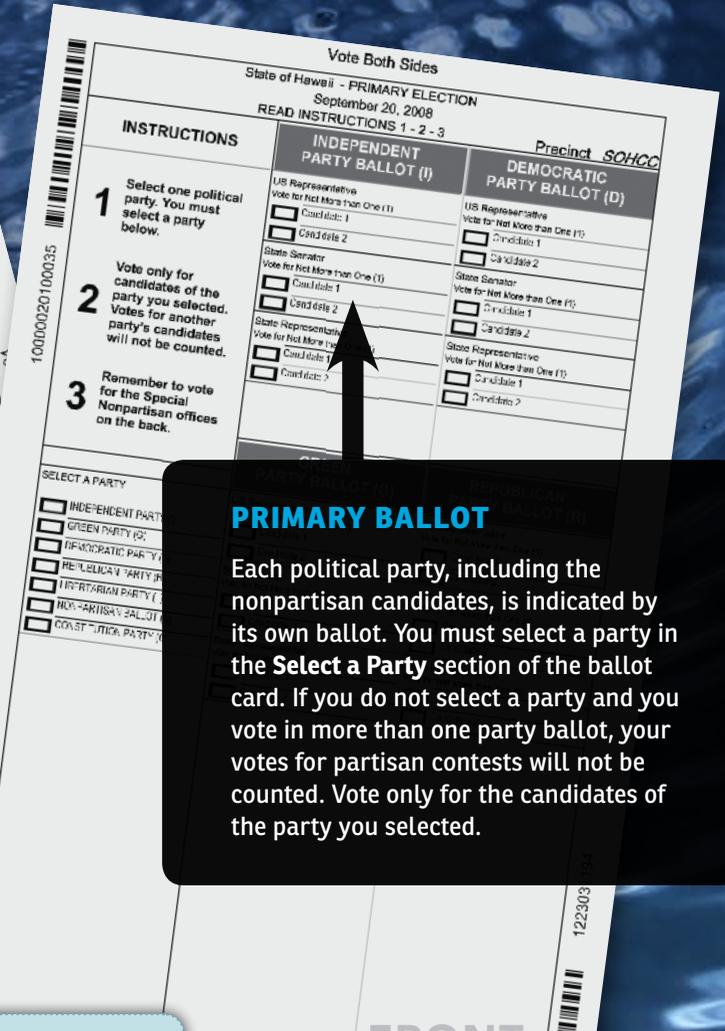
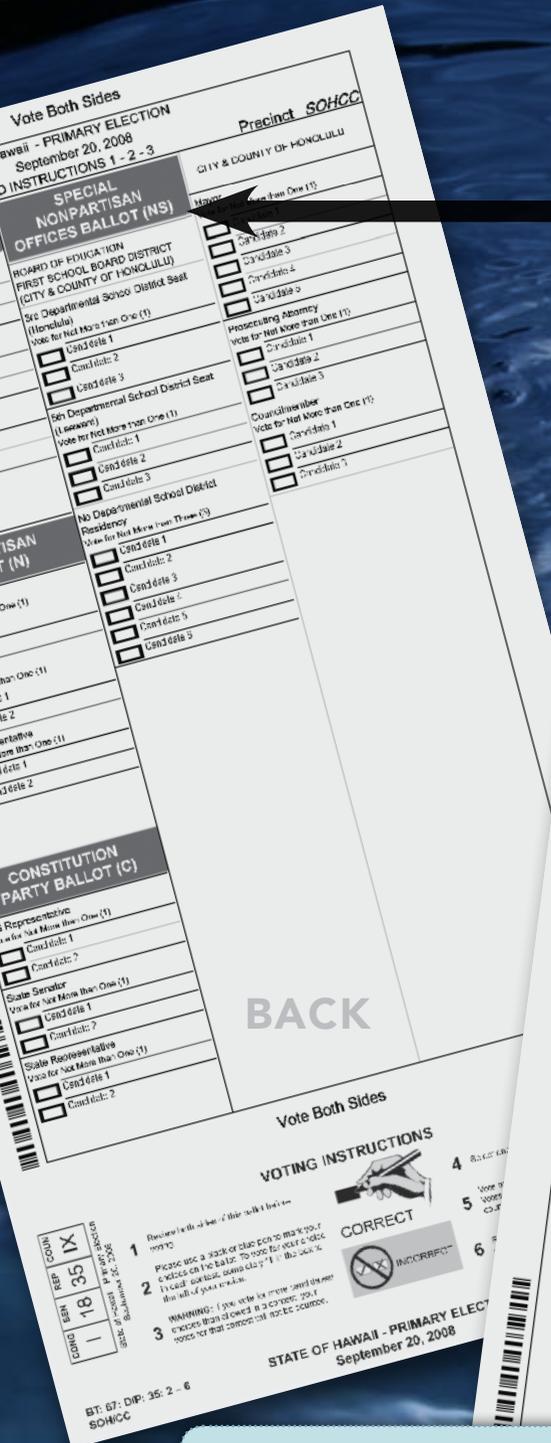
You will find a list of candidates for the Board of Education and other non-partisan county elections. You may vote for these candidates in addition to your party choice.

PRIMARY BALLOT

Each political party, including the nonpartisan candidates, is indicated by its own ballot. You must select a party in the **Select a Party** section of the ballot card. If you do not select a party and you vote in more than one party ballot, your votes for partisan contests will not be counted. Vote only for the candidates of the party you selected.

CORRECT MARK:

It is very important that you fill in the box completely. Your ballot may not count if marked incorrectly.



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Election Day Information

POLLING PLACES AND HOURS

Polling places are open from

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

To avoid long lines at the polls, vote during non-peak hours:

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

TIME OFF FOR VOTING

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.

VOTER REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Please see the precinct official at your polling place for assistance. At least one machine will be available at all polling places to allow individuals with disabilities to vote independently. At the polling place, please see the voting assistance official or precinct chair.



At the Polling Place

Proceed to the following stations in the following order and a precinct official will assist you:

- **Information and Ballot Demonstration Station** to check that your name is on the List of Registered Voters and confirm that you are in the correct polling place.
- **Poll Book Station** to verify the information in the Poll Book (with a valid picture ID) and sign the Poll Book.
- **Ballot Issuing Station** to receive your ballot and ballot secrecy sleeve from a precinct official.
- **Ballot Box Station** to cast your ballot by depositing it into the precinct counter machine.

Provisional Voting

If election officials cannot locate a person's name on the official list of registered voters, the voter has an option to vote a provisional ballot if s/he is in the correct polling place. The provisional ballot will be counted (after a check of existing records) only if the county clerk determines that the person was properly registered to vote. People who cast a provisional ballot may call 211 after the election to find out whether their ballot was counted, and if not, why it was not counted.

Complaints

A complaint may be filed by any person who believes that there is a violation of any provision of Title III of the Help America Vote Act, including violations which have occurred, are occurring, or are about to occur. Complaints must be filed in writing and must be notarized, signed, and sworn by the complaint filer. If a final determination cannot be made within 90 days, the complaint shall be resolved via an alternative dispute resolution process. Voters who believe their rights have been violated should contact the Office of Elections immediately.



Questions? Call 211

Call 211 for more information about voter registration, volunteering to work at the polls, or other election information.

211 hours are as follows:

Monday – Friday, 6:00am – 9:00pm

Closed on weekends and holidays

Contact Information

STATE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY CLERKS

CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

State of Hawaii
Office of Elections
802 Lehua Avenue
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782
(808) 453-VOTE(8683)
N.I. Toll Free: 1-800-442-VOTE(8683)
FAX: (808) 453-6006
TTY: (808) 453-6150

COUNTY CLERK OF HAWAII

County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street, Room 105
Hilo, Hawaii 96720-4245
(808) 961-8277
FAX: (808) 961-8673
Physical Address:
Hawaii Ironworks Building
1266 Kamehameha Ave., A-1
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

COUNTY CLERK OF KAUAI

County of Kauai
Elections Division
4396 Rice St., Rm.106
Lihue, Hawaii 96766
(808) 241-6350
FAX: (808) 241-6207

CITY CLERK OF HONOLULU

City & County of Honolulu
Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street, Room 100
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-3077
(808) 768-3800
FAX: (808) 768-3835

COUNTY CLERK OF MAUI

County of Maui
200 South High Street, Room 708
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793-2155
(808) 270-7749
FAX: (808) 270-7171

Translated Materials

This brochure is available in Japanese, Ilocano, and Chinese. For translated materials, please call the Office of Elections at (808) 453-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-442-VOTE (8683) on the neighbor islands.

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Mabasa met daytoy a papeleta wenna brochure iti pagsasao a Hapones, Ilokano ken Intsik. Tapno makaalakayo kadagiti material a naipatarus kadagitoy a pagsasao, umawagkayo laeng iti Office of Elections iti (808) 453-VOTE (8683) wenna 1-800-442-VOTE (8683) no agnaedkayo iti katarapat (wenna kaarruba) nga isla.

本手冊有日語、洛卡諾語和中文。要得到翻譯的資料，請打 (808) 453-VOTE (8683) 聯絡選舉辦事處 (Office of Elections)。鄰近島嶼可打免費電話 1-800-442-VOTE (8683)。

Voter Rights

1. Your right to vote—anyone who is properly registered may vote in any election [HRS 11-11].
2. Your right to secrecy of voting—A voter may keep his or her vote and political party preference secret. No one may look at or ask to see a voter's ballot [HRS 11-137].
3. Your right to special assistance—A voter who is disabled or unable to read and/or write, may receive special assistance [HRS 11-139].
4. Your right to time off for voting—A voter may take off from work in order to vote [HRS 11-95].
5. Your right to spoil the ballot—Any voter may spoil a ballot and obtain another upon returning the spoiled one. Before returning the spoiled ballot, the voter shall conform to the procedures in order to retain secrecy of the vote [HRS 11-140].
6. Your right to vote by absentee ballot—Any person registered to vote may cast an absentee ballot [HRS 15-2].
7. Your right to challenge—On election day, any registered voter who is at the rightful polling place may challenge another voter's right to vote [HRS 11-25(b)]. Grounds for challenge are the person's identity and residency.
8. Your right to appeal challenge decisions—Any challenged voter may appeal the decision of the city/county clerk or precinct official to the appropriate county Board of Registration (BOR) [HRS 11-26]. A person affected by the BOR's decision may appeal the decision to the Hawaii State Supreme Court [HRS 11-51].



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