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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-15.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as
3 follows:

4 " ~~[+] §11-15.7 [+] Automatic registration.~~ (a) An
5 application for voter registration shall automatically be a part
6 of the application for issuance of an identification card under
7 section 286-303 and the application for issuance of a driver's
8 license under section 286-111. ~~[Applications for an~~
9 ~~identification card or driver's license shall not be processed~~
10 ~~until the applicant completes the portion of the application~~
11 ~~related to voter registration and indicates the applicant's~~
12 ~~choice of whether to register to vote.] The applicant shall be
13 offered the opportunity to opt-out of voter registration. If
14 already registered to vote, the applicant shall be offered the
15 opportunity to decline any changes being made to their name and
16 address for voter registration purposes.~~



1 The submission of the application for the issuance of an
2 identification card under section 286-303 or the application for
3 a driver's license under section 286-111 shall be deemed to
4 authorize the examiner of drivers to collect and transmit the
5 information necessary to register the applicant as a voter [~~if~~
6 ~~the applicant made such a choice~~], unless the applicant opted-
7 out of registration, or to make changes to the applicant's voter
8 registration information unless the applicant declined such
9 changes. The examiner of drivers shall electronically transmit
10 the necessary information to the clerk of the county in which
11 the applicant resides, election officials, and the online voter
12 registration system pursuant to subsection (c).

13 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information
14 necessary to register an applicant as a voter if the applicant
15 made a choice not to be registered to vote nor transmit any
16 information necessary to make changes to the applicant's voter
17 registration information if the applicant declined [~~such~~] those
18 changes. The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any
19 information related to a voter application or changes to the
20 applicant's voter registration information if the applicant



1 presents a document demonstrating a lack of United States
2 citizenship."

3 SECTION 2. Section 286-111.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[+]§286-111.5[+] Voter registration. (a) A qualified
6 applicant for a new or renewed motor vehicle driver's license
7 shall automatically be registered to vote with the clerk of the
8 appropriate county upon completion of the driver's license
9 application and application for voter registration as required
10 in section 11-15.7 [~~if the qualified applicant makes a choice to~~
11 ~~register to vote on the application form~~]. The applicant shall
12 be offered the opportunity to opt-out of voter registration. If
13 already registered to vote, the qualified applicant shall be
14 offered the opportunity to decline any changes being made to
15 their name and address for voter registration purposes.

16 (b) The submission of the application for voter
17 registration together with the license or permit application
18 shall be deemed to authorize the examiner of drivers to collect
19 and transmit the information necessary to register the qualified
20 applicant as a voter [~~if the applicant made such a choice~~],
21 unless the applicant opted-out of registration, or to make



1 changes to the qualified applicant's voter registration
2 information unless the applicant declined such changes. The
3 examiner of drivers shall electronically transmit the necessary
4 information to the clerk of the county in which the qualified
5 applicant resides, election officials, and the online voter
6 registration system pursuant to section 11-15.7(c).

7 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information
8 necessary to register a qualified applicant as a voter if the
9 applicant made a choice not to be registered to vote nor
10 transmit any information necessary to make changes to the
11 qualified applicant's voter registration information if the
12 applicant declined [~~such~~] those changes. The examiner of
13 drivers shall not transmit any information related to a voter
14 application or changes to the applicant's voter registration
15 information if the applicant presents a document demonstrating a
16 lack of United States citizenship.

17 (c) For the purposes of this section, "qualified
18 applicant" means a person who qualifies to register as a voter
19 by law."

20 SECTION 3. Section 286-303.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended to read as follows:



1 " ~~{}~~ §286-303.5 ~~{}~~ Voter registration. (a) A qualified
2 applicant for a new, renewal, or duplicate identification card
3 shall automatically be registered to vote with the clerk of the
4 appropriate county upon completion of an application for
5 identification card and the application for voter registration
6 as required by section 11-15.7 ~~[if the qualified applicant makes~~
7 ~~a choice to be registered to vote]~~. The applicant shall be
8 offered the opportunity to opt-out of voter registration. If
9 already registered to vote, the qualified applicant shall be
10 offered the opportunity to decline any changes being made to
11 their name and address for voter registration purposes.

12 (b) The submission of the application for voter
13 registration together with the application for the
14 identification card shall be deemed to authorize the examiner of
15 drivers to collect and transmit the information necessary to
16 register the qualified applicant as a voter ~~[if the applicant~~
17 ~~made such a choice]~~, unless the applicant opted-out of
18 registration, or to make changes to the qualified applicant's
19 voter registration information unless the applicant declined
20 ~~[such]~~ those changes. The examiner of drivers shall
21 electronically transmit the necessary information to the clerk



1 of the county in which the qualified applicant resides, election
2 officials, and the online voter registration system pursuant to
3 section 11-15.7(c).

4 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information
5 necessary to register a qualified applicant as a voter if the
6 applicant made a choice not to be registered to vote nor
7 transmit any information necessary to make changes to the
8 qualified applicant's voter registration information if the
9 applicant declined [~~such~~] those changes. The examiner of
10 drivers shall not transmit any information related to a voter
11 application or changes to the applicant's voter registration
12 information if the applicant presents a document demonstrating a
13 lack of United States citizenship.

14 (c) For the purposes of this section, "qualified
15 applicant" means a person who qualifies to register as a voter
16 by law."

17 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 383

Report Title:

Automatic Voter Registration; Driver's License; Identification Card; Opt-Out

Description:

Requires that any person who applies for an identification card or driver's license be automatically registered to vote.

Requires that the applicant be provided the opportunity to opt-out of voter registration.

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