#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. <sup>545</sup> H.D. 1 S.D. 1

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2	by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
3	designated and to read as follows:
4	" <u>§11- Online voter registration.</u> (a) No later than
5	January 1, 2014, the chief election officer shall create,
6	implement, and maintain an electronic system for voter
7	registration that is publicly available on the website of the
8	office of elections.
9	(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
10	contrary, a person who is qualified to register to vote and who
11	has a valid Hawaii driver's license or certificate of
12	identification may submit an affidavit for voter registration
13	electronically on the website of the office of elections.
14	(c) The chief election officer shall require a person who
15	submits an affidavit pursuant to this section to include:
16	(1) The number from the applicant's Hawaii driver's
17	license or certificate of identification;
18	(2) The applicant's date of birth;
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1	(3)	The last four digits of the applicant's social
2		security number;
3	(4)	The applicant's residence, including mailing address;
4	(5)	A statement that the applicant's residence was
5		acquired with the intent to make Hawaii the person's
6		legal residence with its accompanying obligations;
7	(6)	A statement that the applicant is a citizen; and
8	(7)	Any other information the chief election officer deems
9		necessary to establish the identity of the affiant.
10	(d)	The applicant shall affirmatively attest to the truth
11	of the in	formation provided in the affidavit and affirmatively
12	assent to	the use of the applicant's signature from the
13	applicant	's driver's license or certificate of identification.
14	(e)	For each electronic affidavit, the chief election
15	officer s	hall obtain an electronic copy of the applicant's
16	signature	from the:
17	(1)	Appropriate examiner of drivers, if the applicant
18		provides a Hawaii driver's license number; or
19	(2)	Attorney general, if the applicant provides a
20	ζ.	certificate of identification number.



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1	<u>(f)</u>	Upon submission of an electronic affidavit, the
2	electroni	c voter registration system shall provide for immediate
3	verificat	ion that the:
4	(1)	Applicant has a Hawaii driver's license or certificate
5		of identification;
6	(2)	Number for the Hawaii driver's license or certificate
7		of identification provided by the applicant matches
8		the number on file with the examiner of drivers or
9		attorney general, as the case may be; and
10	(3)	Date of birth provided by the applicant matches the
11		date of birth for that person that is on file with the
12		examiner of drivers or attorney general, as the case
13		may be.
14	(g)	Upon verification of all information, in accordance
15	with subse	ection (f), the electronic voter registration system
16	shall prov	vide immediate acknowledgement of receipt of the
17	affidavit	and information concerning the disposition shall be
18	made avai	lable to the applicant.
19	Dispo	osition letters shall be provided to the applicant by
20	regular ma	ail and by electronic mail when an electronic mail
21	address is	s provided by the applicant.



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1	(h) Upon receiving all information from an applicant and
2	verifying that information in accordance with subsection (f),
3	the chief election officer shall send the information to the
4	appropriate county clerk for further action as required by this
5	chapter.
6	(i) The chief election officer shall employ security
7	measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter
8	registration affidavits submitted electronically pursuant to
9	this section.
10	(j) The chief election officer may adopt rules pursuant to
11	chapter 91 to implement this section."
12	SECTION 2. Section 11-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
14	"(a) Any person qualified to and desiring to register as a
15	voter in any county shall make and subscribe to an application
16	in the form of an affidavit $[-,]$ pursuant to this section or
17	section 11
18	The affidavit required to register to vote pursuant to this
19	section shall contain the following information:
20	(1) Name;
21	(2) Social security number;
22	(3) Date of birth;
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1	(4)	Residence, including mailing address;
2	(5)	That the residence stated in the affidavit is not
3		simply because of the person's presence in the State
4		but that the residence was acquired with the intent to
5		make Hawaii the person's legal residence with all the
6		accompanying obligations therein; and
7	(6)	That the person is a citizen."
8	SECT	ION 3. The department of the attorney general,
9	examiner	of drivers for each county, county clerks, and office
10	of electi	ons shall cooperate to modify their respective
11	applicabl	e computer systems, develop and implement new computer
12	software,	or otherwise develop a method by which the office of
13	elections	may immediately or within the time period specified in
14	section 1	of this Act verify the information in the voter
15	registrat	ion affidavits described in section 1 of this Act and
16	may obtai:	n an electronic copy of each applicant's signature. No
<b>17</b>	state or	county agency shall charge the office of elections any
18	fees or c	osts related to compliance with this section.
19	SECT	ION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
21	SECT	ION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2050.
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**Report Title:** Online Voter Registration

#### Description:

Requires electronic voter registration on the website of the office of elections by January 1, 2014. Establishes requirements for online voter registration, including identification and affidavits. Effective January 7, 2050. (SD1)

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