
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the age
2 qualification to vote in any federal, state, or local election
3 is eighteen years of age. However, there are individuals whose
4 dates of birth fall between the primary and general elections
5 and therefore, due to current age restrictions, they are unable
6 to participate in the primary election, which determines the
7 ballot for the general election in which they will later be
8 eligible to vote. Granting voting rights to these individuals
9 to participate in the voting process may improve voter turnout
10 among youths and better educate youths about the democratic
11 process.

12 The purpose of this Act is to allow an individual who is
13 seventeen years of age and will be eighteen years of age on or
14 before the next federal, state, or local election to register
15 and vote at any federal, state, or local election.



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1 SECTION 2. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding two new sections to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§11- Changing register; registered voter age; prior to
5 election day. (a) A registered voter who has reached the age
6 of eighteen years or who is seventeen years of age and will be
7 eighteen years of age by the date of the next federal, state, or
8 local primary, general, or special election may notify the clerk
9 to change the register to allow that person to vote at any
10 federal, state, or local primary, general, or special election
11 pursuant to section 11-12.

12 (b) Upon notification to change the register pursuant to
13 subsection (a), if the clerk has evidence indicating that a
14 voter's registration should be changed to allow that person to
15 vote at any federal, state, or local primary, general, or
16 special election, the clerk shall notify that person by first-
17 class mail of the intent to change the registration. The
18 notification shall include:

19 (1) Any evidence indicating why a change should be made;



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- 1 (2) Any evidence indicating that the age of the registered
2 voter is less than eighteen years of age according to
3 current registration lists;
- 4 (3) Any evidence indicating that the registered voter has
5 attained the age of eighteen years or is seventeen
6 years of age and will be eighteen years of age by the
7 date of the next federal, state or local primary,
8 general, or special election;
- 9 (4) A reply form that shall contain a space for the
10 voter's agreement or objection to the registration
11 change, the reasons for the objection, and space for
12 the voter's signature; and
- 13 (5) Notice that unless the completed form is returned by
14 4:30 p.m. on the fifteenth day after mailing, the
15 change shall be processed.
- 16 (c) The clerk shall update the register when notified by
17 the registered voter or when the clerk has evidence indicating
18 that a voter's registration should be changed to allow that
19 person to vote at any federal, state, or local primary, general,
20 or special election pursuant to section 11-12.



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1 §11- Changing register; registered voter age; change on
2 election day. (a) Registration clerks who may be designated by
3 the county clerk to serve as an election official at any of the
4 polling places in the county shall take applications from voters
5 who have reached the age of eighteen years since the last
6 election on the day of election.

7 (b) Any person who has attained the age of eighteen years
8 and is eligible to vote at the federal, state, and local
9 elections pursuant to section 11-12 may apply on a form
10 prescribed by the chief elections officer on the day of the
11 election. The register shall be updated, and the person shall
12 be eligible to vote at the federal, state, and local elections
13 accordingly."

14 SECTION 3. Section 11-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "§11-11 Registration. A person who registers as required
17 by law shall be entitled to vote at any federal, state, or local
18 primary, general, or special election provided that the person
19 shall have attained the age of eighteen at the time of that
20 respective election. The county clerk shall be responsible for



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1 voter registration in the respective counties and the keeping of
2 the general register and precinct lists within the county."

3 SECTION 4. Section 11-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5 "(a) Every person who has reached the age of eighteen
6 years or who is seventeen years of age and will be eighteen
7 years of age by the date of the next federal, state, or local
8 primary, general, or special election, and is otherwise
9 qualified to register may do so for that respective election.

10 The person shall then be listed upon the appropriate county
11 general register and precinct list. No person shall register or
12 vote in any other precinct than that in which the person resides
13 except as provided in section 11-21."

14 SECTION 5. Section 11-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "**§11-14.5 Residence address; confidentiality.** (a) If a
17 life threatening circumstance exists to:

- 18 (1) A law enforcement person;
19 (2) The law enforcement person's family; or
20 (3) Persons otherwise determined by the clerk of the
21 county in which the person is registered,



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1 that person may apply to the county clerk in writing to keep
2 confidential the information relating to the residence address
3 and telephone number contained in the affidavit of registration
4 of that person, or any list or register prepared therefrom.

5 (b) If the disclosure of the residence address or
6 telephone number of a person would result in an unwarranted
7 invasion of personal privacy or expose the person or a member of
8 the person's family to risk of bodily harm, the person may apply
9 to the chief election officer or county clerk to keep
10 confidential the person's residence address and telephone number
11 contained in the person's affidavit of registration, or any list
12 or register prepared therefrom.

13 (c) In accordance with procedures and rules adopted by the
14 chief election officer or county clerk to protect personal
15 privacy, the chief election officer or county clerk shall not
16 disclose the residence address or telephone number of a person
17 who is under the age of eighteen and is registered to vote at
18 any federal, state, or local election.

19 [(e)] (d) Upon good cause shown, the clerk shall determine
20 whether to grant confidentiality in accordance with rules



1 established by the chief election officer, and that decision
2 shall be final.

3 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) If the voter registration of a person covered by
4 this section is challenged, the clerk shall release the
5 residence address of that person to the challenger pursuant to
6 rules established by the chief election officer. If an appeal
7 is taken relating to the challenge, the residence address shall
8 also be released to the appropriate appellate body."

9 SECTION 6. Section 11-15.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "[~~§~~§11-15.5[~~§~~] **Duties of all state agencies; voter**
12 **registration.** Each state agency that deals with the public
13 shall make available to each member of the public who will be at
14 least eighteen years of age [~~or older~~] by the date of the next
15 federal, state, or local primary, general, or special election
16 an application in the form of an affidavit for voter
17 registration pursuant to section 11-15. The application shall
18 be available by mail or in person depending on the manner in
19 which the agency's services are requested by the person. The
20 form of the application may be identical to that described and
21 found in public telephone directories."

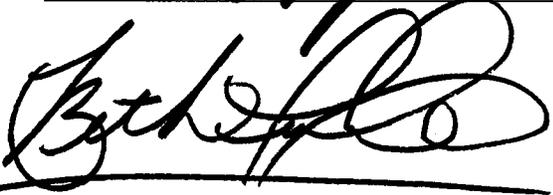


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1 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.
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Report Title:

Voter Registration; Voter Age

Description:

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