
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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 "§11- Registration as a permanent absentee voter. The
5 submission of a voter registration application either to
6 register to vote or to update a voter's registration information
7 shall constitute a request for permanent absentee voter status
8 under section 15-4, unless the applicant specifically indicates
9 the applicant does not wish to be a permanent absentee voter."

10 SECTION 2. Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, is
11 amended by amending section 2 to read as follows:

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.

17 The affidavit shall contain the following information:



- 1 (1) Name;
- 2 (2) The applicant's Hawaii driver's license number or
3 Hawaii state identification card number; provided
4 that:
- 5 (A) If no driver's license or identification card has
6 been issued to the applicant, the last four
7 digits of the applicant's social security number;
8 and
- 9 (B) If no social security number has been issued to
10 the applicant, an election official or county
11 clerk shall assign the applicant a unique
12 identification number for voter registration
13 purposes and enroll the applicant in the State's
14 computerized voter registration list, if any;
- 15 (3) Date of birth;
- 16 (4) Residence, including mailing address;
- 17 (5) That the residence stated in the affidavit is not
18 simply because of the [~~person's~~] applicant's presence
19 in the State, but that the residence was acquired with
20 the intent to make Hawaii the [~~person's~~] applicant's



1 legal residence with all the accompanying obligations
2 therein; and

3 (6) That the [~~person~~] applicant is a citizen.

4 An application to register to vote shall include a space to
5 [~~request a~~] decline permanent absentee ballot[~~er~~] status."

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059;
9 provided that section 2 shall take effect on January 1, 2018.



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Report Title:

Voter Registration; Permanent Absentee Voter Status

Description:

Provides that the submission of a voter registration application either to register to vote or update the voter's registration information constitutes a request for permanent absentee voter status unless the applicant specifically indicates the applicant does not wish to be a permanent absentee voter. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD2)

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