
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§15- Languages of requests; ballots. (a) A request
5 made pursuant to section 15-4 for an absentee ballot or for
6 permanent absentee voter status may be written in the English or
7 Hawaiian language. The chief elections officer shall make
8 request forms in these languages available to the clerks for
9 distribution to registered voters.

10 (b) The chief elections officer shall ensure that absentee
11 ballots in English and Hawaiian are available to absentee
12 voters, to the extent necessary to fulfill all requests.

13 (c) This section shall not be construed to limit the
14 applicability of any other election law relating to
15 accommodation of individuals who speak or write languages other
16 than English."



H.B. NO. 1327

Report Title:

Elections; Absentee Ballots; Request Form; Hawaiian Language; Appropriation

Description:

Provides that requests for absentee ballots or for permanent absentee voter status may be written in English or Hawaiian. Requires the chief election officer to make English and Hawaiian absentee ballots available. Appropriates funds.

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