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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§11-11 Registration.** A person who registers as required
4 by law shall be entitled to vote at any state or local election;
5 provided that the person shall have attained the age of
6 ~~[eighteen]~~ sixteen at the time of that election. A person who
7 registers as required by law shall be entitled to vote at any
8 federal election; provided that the person shall have attained
9 the age of eighteen at the time of that election. The county
10 clerk shall be responsible for voter registration in the
11 respective counties and the keeping of the general register and
12 precinct lists within the county."

13 SECTION 2. Section 11-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "**§11-12 Age; place of registering.** (a) Every person who
16 has reached the age of ~~[eighteen]~~ sixteen years or who is
17 ~~[seventeen]~~ fifteen years of age and will be ~~[eighteen]~~ sixteen



1 years of age by the date of the next state or local election,
2 and is otherwise qualified to register may do so for that
3 election. The person shall then be listed upon the appropriate
4 county general register and precinct list. No person shall
5 register or vote in any other precinct than that in which the
6 person resides except as provided in section 11-21.

7 (b) A person who is otherwise qualified to register and is
8 at least [~~sixteen~~] fourteen years of age but will not be
9 [~~eighteen~~] sixteen years of age by the date of the next state or
10 local election may preregister upon satisfactory proof of age
11 and shall be automatically registered upon reaching age
12 [~~eighteen.~~] sixteen.

13 (c) Any person who registers pursuant to this section
14 shall not vote in any federal election unless the person has
15 reached the age of eighteen at the time of that election."

16 SECTION 3. Section 11-15.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "[~~§~~§11-15.5[~~§~~] **Duties of all state agencies; voter**
19 **registration.** Each state agency that deals with the public
20 shall make available to each member of the public [~~eighteen~~]
21 sixteen years of age or older an application in the form of an



1 affidavit for voter registration pursuant to section 11-15. The
2 application shall be available by mail or in person depending on
3 the manner in which the agency's services are requested by the
4 person. The form of the application may be identical to that
5 described and found in public telephone directories."

6 SECTION 4. Section 13D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

8 "(a) Every person who registers as required by law shall
9 be entitled to vote at any election of board members provided
10 that the person shall have attained the age of [~~eighteen~~]
11 sixteen years at the time of the election.

12 (b) No person shall be eligible to register as a voter for
13 the election of board members unless the person meets the
14 following qualifications:

15 (1) The person has attained the age of [~~eighteen~~] sixteen
16 years or will have attained such age within one year
17 of the date of the next election of board members; and

18 (2) The person is otherwise qualified to register to vote
19 in the State."

20 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on its approval and
2 upon ratification of a constitutional amendment lowering the
3 qualifying age of voters for any state or local election to
4 sixteen years of age.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 2253

Report Title:

Voting Age Decrease; State and Local Elections

Description:

Lowers the age of voting in state and local elections from eighteen to sixteen years of age. Lowers the age of preregistration.

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