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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-15.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3           "(a) An application for voter registration shall be a part  
4 of the application for issuance of an identification card under  
5 section 286-303 and the application for issuance of a driver's  
6 license under section 286-111. Applications for an  
7 identification card or driver's license shall not be processed  
8 until the applicant completes the portion of the application  
9 related to voter registration [~~and indicates the applicant's~~  
10 ~~choice of whether to register to vote~~]. The applicant shall be  
11 automatically registered to vote unless the applicant  
12 affirmatively declines to be registered. If already registered  
13 to vote, [~~the applicant shall be offered the opportunity to~~  
14 ~~decline~~] any changes being made by the applicant to their name  
15 and address on the application shall be automatically updated  
16 for voter registration purposes[~~+~~] unless the applicant



1 affirmatively declines the changes to be made to their voter  
2 registration record.

3       The submission of the application for the issuance of an  
4 identification card under section 286-303 or the application for  
5 a driver's license under section 286-111 shall be deemed to  
6 authorize the examiner of drivers to collect and transmit the  
7 information necessary to register the applicant as a voter if  
8 the applicant made [~~such a~~] the choice or to make changes to the  
9 applicant's voter registration information unless the applicant  
10 declined [~~such~~] the changes. The examiner of drivers shall  
11 electronically transmit the necessary information to the clerk  
12 of the county in which the applicant resides, election  
13 officials, and the online voter registration system pursuant to  
14 subsection (c).

15       The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information  
16 necessary to register an applicant as a voter if the applicant  
17 [~~made a choice not~~] affirmatively declined to be registered to  
18 vote nor transmit any information necessary to make changes to  
19 the applicant's voter registration information if the applicant  
20 affirmatively declined [~~such~~] the changes. The examiner of  
21 drivers shall not transmit any information related to a voter



1 application or changes to the applicant's voter registration  
2 information if the applicant presents a document demonstrating a  
3 lack of United States citizenship."

4 SECTION 2. Section 286-111.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

6 "(a) A qualified applicant for a new or renewed motor  
7 vehicle driver's license shall automatically be registered to  
8 vote with the clerk of the appropriate county upon completion of  
9 the driver's license application and application for voter  
10 registration as required in section 11-15.7 [~~if the qualified~~  
11 ~~applicant makes a choice to register to vote~~] unless the  
12 applicant affirmatively declines to be registered on the  
13 application form. If already registered to vote, [~~the qualified~~  
14 ~~applicant shall be offered the opportunity to decline~~] any  
15 changes being made by the applicant to their name and address on  
16 the application shall be automatically updated for voter  
17 registration purposes[~~]~~ unless the applicant affirmatively  
18 declines the changes to be made to their voter registration  
19 record.

20 (b) The submission of the application for voter  
21 registration together with the license or permit application



1 shall be deemed to authorize the examiner of drivers to collect  
2 and transmit the information necessary to register the qualified  
3 applicant as a voter if the applicant made [~~such a~~] the choice  
4 or to make changes to the qualified applicant's voter  
5 registration information unless the applicant declined [~~such~~]  
6 the changes. The examiner of drivers shall electronically  
7 transmit the necessary information to the clerk of the county in  
8 which the qualified applicant resides, election officials, and  
9 the online voter registration system pursuant to section 11-  
10 15.7(c).

11 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information  
12 necessary to register a qualified applicant as a voter if the  
13 applicant [~~made a choice not~~] affirmatively declined to be  
14 registered to vote nor transmit any information necessary to  
15 make changes to the qualified applicant's voter registration  
16 information if the applicant affirmatively declined [~~such~~] the  
17 changes. The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any  
18 information related to a voter application or changes to the  
19 applicant's voter registration information if the applicant  
20 presents a document demonstrating a lack of United States  
21 citizenship."



1 SECTION 3. Section 286-303.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) A qualified applicant for a new, renewal, or  
4 duplicate identification card shall automatically be registered  
5 to vote with the clerk of the appropriate county upon completion  
6 of an application for identification card and the application  
7 for voter registration as required by section 11-15.7 [~~if the~~  
8 ~~qualified applicant makes a choice to be registered to vote.~~]  
9 unless the applicant affirmatively declines to be registered on  
10 the application form. If already registered to vote, [the  
11 qualified applicant shall be offered the opportunity to decline]  
12 any changes being made by the applicant to their name and  
13 address on the application shall be automatically updated for  
14 voter registration purposes[~~+~~] unless the applicant  
15 affirmatively declines the changes to be made to their voter  
16 registration record.

17 (b) The submission of the application for voter  
18 registration together with the application for the  
19 identification card shall be deemed to authorize the examiner of  
20 drivers to collect and transmit the information necessary to  
21 register the qualified applicant as a voter if the applicant



1 made [~~such a~~] the choice or to make changes to the qualified  
2 applicant's voter registration information unless the applicant  
3 declined [~~such~~] the changes. The examiner of drivers shall  
4 electronically transmit the necessary information to the clerk  
5 of the county in which the qualified applicant resides, election  
6 officials, and the online voter registration system pursuant to  
7 section 11-15.7(c).

8 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information  
9 necessary to register a qualified applicant as a voter if the  
10 applicant [~~made a choice not~~] affirmatively declined to be  
11 registered to vote nor transmit any information necessary to  
12 make changes to the qualified applicant's voter registration  
13 information if the applicant affirmatively declined [~~such~~] the  
14 changes.

15 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information  
16 related to a voter application or changes to the applicant's  
17 voter registration information if the applicant presents a  
18 document demonstrating a lack of United States citizenship."

19 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Automatic Voter Registration; Identification Card; Driver's License

**Description:**

Requires a person who applies for an identification card or driver's license to be automatically registered to vote unless the person affirmatively declines. Requires the name and address of a person who applies for an identification card or driver's license and is registered to vote to be automatically updated on the person's voter registration record unless the person affirmatively declines. (SD1)

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