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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO VOTING.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that every eligible  
2 person should be able to register to vote in a convenient and  
3 secure manner that benefits both new voters and election  
4 administrators. Improving voter registration processes can help  
5 ensure state election systems remain secure and efficient,  
6 safeguard the integrity of votes, and reduce administrative  
7 costs.

8       The legislature further finds that, in 2021, Hawaii  
9 established automatic voter registration to address the State's  
10 historically low voter participation rates. However, the system  
11 implemented was an opt-in model that places the burden of  
12 registration on individual voters, which fails to fully capture  
13 the State's potential population of new voters.

14       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to improve Hawaii's  
15 voter participation rate by strengthening the State's automatic  
16 voter registration program.



SECTION 2. Section 11-15.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[§]11-15.5[§] **Duties of all state agencies; voter registration.** (a) Each state agency that deals with the public shall make available to each member of the public eighteen years of age or older an application in the form of an affidavit for voter registration pursuant to section 11-15. The application shall be available by mail, online, or in person depending on the manner in which the agency's services are requested by the person. The form of the application may be identical to that described and found in public telephone directories.

(b) Any state agency may be designated by the office of elections to implement automatic voter registration if the agency collects, processes, or stores the following information as part of providing assistance or services: name, residential address, date of birth, and proof of United States citizenship or external verification of United States citizenship. An eligible agency may establish and implement, upon approval from the office of elections, a procedure to automatically and electronically transmit a person's voter registration information to the clerk of the county in which the person



1 resides. Every eligible agency shall comply with the  
2 requirements in section 11-15.7, to the extent applicable as  
3 determined by the office of elections."

4 SECTION 3. Section 11-15.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "[~~§~~11-15.7~~]~~ **Automatic registration~~[-]~~ and**  
7 **preregistration.** (a) [~~An application for voter registration~~  
8 ~~shall be a part of the application for issuance of an~~  
9 ~~identification card under section 286-303 and the application~~  
10 ~~for issuance of a driver's license under section 286-111.~~  
11 ~~Applications for an identification card or driver's license~~  
12 ~~shall not be processed until the applicant completes the portion~~  
13 ~~of the application related to voter registration and indicates~~  
14 ~~the applicant's choice of whether to register to vote. If~~  
15 ~~already registered to vote, the applicant shall be offered the~~  
16 ~~opportunity to decline any changes being made to their name and~~  
17 ~~address for voter registration purposes.]~~

18 The submission of the application for the issuance of [~~an~~  
19 ~~identification]~~ a new, renewed, or duplicate:

20 (1) Instruction permit under section 286-110, 286-111, or  
21 286-117;



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1       (2) Provisional license under section 286-111 or 286-117;

2       (3) Driver's license under section 286-107, 286-111, or  
3       286-117; or

4       (4) Identification card under section 286-303 ~~[or the~~  
5       ~~application for a driver's license under section 286-~~  
6       ~~111],~~

7 shall be deemed to authorize the examiner of drivers to collect  
8 and transmit the information necessary to register or

9 preregister, pursuant to section 11-12(b), the applicant as a

10 voter if the applicant ~~[made such a choice or to make changes to~~  
11 ~~the applicant's voter registration information unless the~~

12 ~~applicant declined such changes.]~~ is of sufficient age to

13 register or preregister to vote, has provided a Hawaii residence

14 address, and has presented documentation demonstrating United

15 States citizenship.

16       (b) The examiner of drivers shall electronically transmit  
17 the ~~[necessary]~~ following information to the clerk of the county  
18 in which the applicant resides~~[, election officials, and the~~  
19 ~~online voter registration system pursuant to subsection (c).~~

20       ~~The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information~~  
21 ~~necessary to register an applicant as a voter if the applicant~~



~~made a choice not to be registered to vote nor transmit any  
information necessary to make changes to the applicant's voter  
registration information if the applicant declined such  
changes.]:~~

(1) The applicant's name;

(2) The applicant's date of birth;

(3) The instruction permit, provisional license, driver's  
license, or state identification number of the  
applicant;

(4) The applicant's residence address and mailing address,  
if different from the residence address;

(5) The applicant's county of residence;

(6) The applicant's citizenship status;

(7) The applicant's signature as a digitized image;

(8) The last four digits of the applicant's social  
security number, if available;

(9) The applicant's telephone number, if available; and

(10) The applicant's electronic mail address, if available.

(c) The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any  
information ~~[related to a voter application or changes to the  
applicant's voter registration information if]~~ under this



1 section unless the applicant presents a document demonstrating  
2 [a-lack] proof of United States citizenship[-], or records  
3 maintained by the examiner of drivers conclusively indicate that  
4 the applicant provided documentation demonstrating United States  
5 citizenship as part of a previous transaction. If the applicant  
6 provides documentation indicating that the applicant is not a  
7 United States citizen, the applicant's information shall not be  
8 transmitted and the applicant shall not be offered a voter  
9 registration or preregistration opportunity. If the documents  
10 provided by the applicant do not provide sufficient information  
11 to verify citizenship status, or if the examiner of drivers is  
12 unable to verify that proof of citizenship was presented during  
13 a previous transaction, the examiner of drivers shall provide  
14 information during the transaction regarding voter registration  
15 or preregistration and eligibility criteria, including  
16 instructions that the applicant may only register or preregister  
17 to vote if the applicant is a United States citizen.

18 [(b)] (d) Upon receipt of the [completed voter  
19 registration application or changes to the] applicant's voter  
20 registration or preregistration information transmitted from the  
21 examiner of drivers, the clerk shall review and [either approve



1 ~~or reject the voter registration application in accordance with~~  
2 ~~this part; provided that approved]~~ determine whether the  
3 applicant is currently registered or preregistered in the online  
4 voter registration system. If the applicant is not currently  
5 registered or preregistered, the clerk shall mail a notice to  
6 the applicant pursuant to subsection (e). If the applicant is  
7 currently registered or preregistered, the clerk shall compare  
8 the information transmitted from the examiner of drivers to the  
9 applicant's voter registration or preregistration information.  
10 If the information transmitted differs from the applicant's  
11 voter registration or preregistration information, the clerk  
12 shall mail a notice to the applicant pursuant to subsection (e).  
13 Approved voter registration applications received from the  
14 examiner of drivers pursuant to this section shall be treated as  
15 having a valid signature for purposes of section 11-15(c),  
16 whether transmitted electronically or by facsimile transmission.  
17 ~~[Upon the clerk's approval of the voter registration application~~  
18 ~~or any changes to the voter registration information,]~~ Voter  
19 registration or preregistration records created under this  
20 section shall be exempt from disclosure for twenty-one days  
21 after the mailing of the notice under subsection (e).



1       (e) Upon determining that an applicant is not currently  
2 registered or preregistered in the online voter registration  
3 system or an applicant's voter registration or preregistration  
4 information differs from the information transmitted from the  
5 examiner of drivers under this section, the clerk shall promptly  
6 mail the applicant a notice that contains a postage prepaid,  
7 pre-addressed return form by which the applicant may decline to  
8 be registered or preregistered to vote or have the applicant's  
9 voter registration or preregistration information updated. The  
10 notice shall also include instructions for applicants who  
11 request confidentiality under section 11-14.5 or request large-  
12 print ballots.

13       (f) If an applicant returns the form declining to be  
14 registered or preregistered to vote, the applicant's voter  
15 registration or preregistration shall be canceled, and the  
16 applicant shall be deemed to have never registered or  
17 preregistered to vote; provided that if the applicant votes in  
18 an election after the transfer of the applicant's voter  
19 registration information but before the form declining to be  
20 registered to vote is returned, the returned form shall be of no  
21 force and effect and the applicant shall be deemed registered to





1 vote as of the date of the applicant's qualifying transaction  
2 with the examiner of drivers. If an applicant returns the form  
3 declining to have the applicant's voter registration or  
4 preregistration information updated, the applicant's voter  
5 registration or preregistration information shall not be  
6 updated.

7 If the applicant does not decline voter registration or  
8 preregistration or to have the applicant's voter registration or  
9 preregistration information updated within the period prescribed  
10 by the office of elections, the clerk shall proceed to number  
11 the application and register the name of the [voter] applicant  
12 in the general county register as provided in section 11-14,  
13 preregister the applicant as provided in section 11-12(b), or  
14 [make approved changes to the voter's] update the applicant's  
15 existing voter registration or preregistration information as  
16 applicable. The date of registration or preregistration shall  
17 be the date of the applicant's qualifying transaction with the  
18 examiner of drivers.

19 [(e)] (g) Databases maintained or operated by the counties  
20 or [the] department of transportation containing instruction  
21 permit, provisional license, driver's license, or identification



1 card information, including any documents or images, shall be  
2 accessible and provided electronically to election officials and  
3 the online voter registration system to allow for the timely  
4 processing of voter applications, ensure the integrity of the  
5 voter registration polls, and for any other voter registration,  
6 preregistration, or election purposes, as determined by the  
7 director of transportation.

8 (h) Any applicant who submits a qualifying application  
9 under this section that is dated during the twenty-one days  
10 before an election shall be provided, at the time of  
11 application, with a notice advising the applicant of the  
12 procedures to register to vote on election day.

13 (i) An otherwise eligible applicant who declines to  
14 register or preregister to vote or update the applicant's voter  
15 registration or preregistration information shall be offered a  
16 new opportunity to register or preregister to vote or update the  
17 applicant's voter registration or preregistration information  
18 with each qualifying application submitted under this section.

19 (j) Records of applicants who are ineligible to register  
20 or preregister to vote or who declined voter registration or  
21 preregistration shall be exempt from disclosure under chapter



1 92F because disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted  
2 invasion of personal privacy.

3 (k) Unless an ineligible applicant wilfully and knowingly  
4 takes affirmative steps to register or preregister to vote  
5 knowing that the applicant is not eligible to vote or  
6 preregister to vote, the record and signature of the ineligible  
7 applicant that is transmitted under this section shall not  
8 constitute a completed voter registration application, and that  
9 applicant shall not be considered to have affirmatively  
10 registered or preregistered to vote.

11 (1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

12 (1) Amend the substantive qualifications for voter  
13 registration or preregistration in the State;

14 (2) Require documentary proof of citizenship for voter  
15 registration or preregistration;

16 (3) Require the examiner of drivers to maintain or  
17 validate official records of voter registration or  
18 preregistration; or

19 (4) Authorize the examiner of drivers to request  
20 documentation establishing an applicant's citizenship



1           solely for the purposes of voter registration or  
2           preregistration."

3           SECTION 4. Section 286-107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5           **"§286-107 License renewals; procedures and requirements.**

6           (a) The examiner of drivers may accept an application for a  
7 renewal of a driver's license made [~~not~~] no more than six months  
8 [~~prior to~~] before the date of expiration.

9           If [~~, however,~~] the renewal is not applied for within ninety  
10 days after the expiration of the license, the applicant for  
11 renewal shall be treated as an applicant for a new license and  
12 examined as provided in section 286-108.

13           (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), an  
14 applicant for a renewal of a driver's license under this  
15 section, or the reactivation of an expired license under section  
16 286-107.5(a), shall appear in person before the examiner of  
17 drivers and the examiner of drivers shall administer [~~such~~] any  
18 physical examinations [~~as~~] that the state director of  
19 transportation deems necessary to determine the applicant's  
20 fitness to continue to operate a motor vehicle.



1           (c) Any person who holds a category (1), (2), or (3)  
2 license issued under this part may apply for a renewal of the  
3 license online via any electronic or digital means provided by  
4 the examiner of drivers, or by mail, if the person is not  
5 disqualified from renewing the license under subsection (a),  
6 except as provided under subsection (h). The applicant's  
7 request to have the license renewed by mail must be received by  
8 the examiner of drivers within ninety days after the expiration  
9 of the license or it shall be treated as an application for  
10 reactivation of an expired license under section 286-107.5. The  
11 examiner of drivers shall, upon receipt of the request, furnish  
12 the applicant with all necessary forms and instructions. An  
13 application for renewal made by electronic or digital means or  
14 by mail pursuant to this subsection shall be accompanied by a  
15 statement from a licensed physician, physician assistant, or  
16 advanced practice registered nurse certifying that the applicant  
17 was examined by the licensed physician, physician assistant, or  
18 advanced practice registered nurse no more than six months  
19 before the expiration date of the applicant's license and that  
20 the applicant was found by the examination to have met the  
21 physical requirements established by the state director of



1 transportation for the renewal of licenses. The application for  
2 renewal by electronic or digital means or by mail shall also be  
3 accompanied by:

4 (1) A notarized statement of the applicant certifying that  
5 the applicant does not possess any valid license to  
6 operate the same or similar category or categories of  
7 motor vehicles, issued by another licensing authority  
8 (unless the license is concurrently surrendered); and

9 (2) Any other information as may be required by the  
10 examiner of drivers that is reasonably necessary to  
11 confirm the identity of the applicant and the  
12 applicant's fitness to continue to operate a motor  
13 vehicle.

14 (d) An applicant for a renewal of the applicant's driver's  
15 license, whether applying pursuant to subsections (b) or (c),  
16 shall pay the fee determined by the council of the appropriate  
17 county. Payment of the fee shall be by certified check or money  
18 order, tendered together with the application.

19 (e) No driver's license shall be renewed by the examiner  
20 of drivers unless:



(1) The examiner of drivers is satisfied of the applicant's fitness to continue to operate a motor vehicle;

(2) The fee required by subsection (d) is tendered together with the application for renewal;

(3) The applicant complies with section 286-102.5; and

(4) The examiner of drivers is satisfied that the applicant does not have outstanding charges and fines relating to the disposition of an abandoned vehicle.

(f) No driver's license shall be renewable by electronic or digital means or by mail:

(1) For more than two consecutive renewals, regardless of whether the license expires, as provided under section 286-106, on the eighth or fourth birthday after issuance; or

(2) [~~Sixteen~~] When sixteen years have lapsed since the applicant had appeared in person;

provided that this subsection shall not apply to a resident military person or that person's immediate family if the resident military person resides outside the State on official military orders.



1 (g) Notwithstanding subsection (a), any applicant for a  
2 renewal of a driver's license who is a member of any component  
3 of the United States armed forces and who is on active federal  
4 service outside of the State at the time the applicant's license  
5 should be renewed, may file an application for a renewal of the  
6 driver's license, which shall be accompanied by verification of  
7 federal active service outside the State as required by the  
8 examiner of drivers, within ninety days of the applicant's  
9 return to the State or discharge from hospitalization. The  
10 examiner of drivers may waive the reactivation fee otherwise  
11 required by section 286-107.5.

12 (h) The state director of transportation shall adopt rules  
13 [~~and regulations~~] pursuant to chapter 91[7] necessary for the  
14 purposes of this section, including rules [~~and regulations~~]  
15 governing the effect to be given to convictions for violations  
16 of traffic laws of a foreign jurisdiction[7] upon license  
17 renewal procedures.

18 (i) An application for a renewal of a driver's license  
19 shall serve as a voter registration application for eligible  
20 applicants under the procedures prescribed in section 11-15.7.  
21 The examiner of drivers shall consult with the office of





1 elections to ensure that the form contains spaces for all  
2 information required to register to vote."

3 SECTION 5. Section 286-110, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 **"§286-110 Instruction permits.** (a) Any person aged  
6 fifteen years and six months or more who, except for the  
7 person's lack of instruction in operating a motor vehicle, would  
8 be qualified to obtain a driver's license issued under this part  
9 may apply for a temporary instruction permit or a limited  
10 purpose instruction permit at the office of the examiner of  
11 drivers in the county in which the applicant resides; provided  
12 that the applicant complies with section 286-102.5.

13 (b) No person shall be issued a motorcycle instruction  
14 permit unless the person successfully completes a basic  
15 motorcycle rider course approved by the department of  
16 transportation.

17 (c) The examiner of drivers shall examine every applicant  
18 for an instruction permit. The examination shall include tests  
19 of the applicant's:



1 (1) Eyesight and other physical or mental capabilities to  
2 determine if the applicant is capable of operating a  
3 motor vehicle;

4 (2) Understanding of highway signs regulating, warning,  
5 and directing traffic; and

6 (3) Knowledge of the traffic laws, ordinances, or  
7 regulations of the State and the county where the  
8 applicant resides or intends to operate a motor  
9 vehicle.

10 (d) If the examiner of drivers is satisfied that the  
11 applicant is qualified to receive an instruction permit, the  
12 examiner of drivers shall issue the permit entitling the  
13 applicant, while having the permit in the applicant's immediate  
14 possession, to drive a motor vehicle upon the highways for a  
15 period of one year; provided that:

16 (1) An applicant who is registered in a driver training  
17 course shall be issued a temporary instruction permit  
18 for the duration of the course and the termination  
19 date of the course shall be entered on the permit; and



1           (2) If the applicant is a legal immigrant, the permit  
2                   shall expire no later than the applicant's authorized  
3                   period of stay in the United States.

4           A person who is not licensed to operate the category of  
5 motor vehicles to which the driving training course applies  
6 shall not operate a motor vehicle in connection with the driving  
7 training course without a valid temporary instruction permit  
8 unless it is a motorcycle that is being used for training  
9 purposes on an enclosed state certified training range as  
10 provided under administrative rules.

11           (e) Except when operating a motor scooter or motorcycle,  
12 the holder of an instruction permit shall be accompanied by a  
13 person who is twenty-one years of age or older and licensed to  
14 operate the category of motor vehicles in which the motor  
15 vehicle that is being operated belongs. The licensed person  
16 shall occupy a passenger seat beside the permit holder while the  
17 motor vehicle is being operated; provided that if the holder of  
18 the instruction permit is under the age of eighteen years and is  
19 driving between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.:

20           (1) A licensed driver who is the permit holder's parent or  
21                   guardian shall occupy a passenger seat beside the



1 driver while the motor vehicle is operated, unless the  
2 permit holder is an emancipated minor;

3 (2) The licensed driver shall be licensed to operate the  
4 same category of motor vehicles as the motor vehicle  
5 being operated by the holder of the instruction  
6 permit; and

7 (3) All occupants of the motor vehicle shall be restrained  
8 by a seat belt assembly or a child passenger safety  
9 restraint system as required under sections 291-11.5  
10 and 291-11.6, notwithstanding any other law to the  
11 contrary.

12 (f) No holder of a temporary instruction permit shall  
13 operate a motorcycle or a motor scooter during hours of darkness  
14 or carry any passengers.

15 (g) No holder of a category 1 or 2 temporary instruction  
16 permit shall have the permit renewed, nor shall the holder be  
17 issued another temporary instruction permit for the same  
18 purpose, unless the holder has taken the examination for a  
19 category 1 or 2 license at least once before the expiration of  
20 the temporary instruction permit. If the holder of a temporary  
21 instruction permit fails to meet the requirements of this



1 section, the holder shall not be permitted to apply for another  
2 category 1 or 2 temporary instruction permit for a period of  
3 three months. Nothing in this subsection shall affect the right  
4 and privilege of any holder of a category 1 or 2 temporary  
5 instruction permit to obtain a temporary instruction permit or  
6 driver's license for the operation of any other type of motor  
7 vehicle.

8 (h) The examiner of drivers may accept an application for  
9 renewal of an instruction permit no more than thirty days before  
10 or ninety days after the expiration date of the instruction  
11 permit, whereupon the applicant for renewal of an instruction  
12 permit shall be exempt from subsection (c)(2) and (3). If an  
13 application for renewal of an instruction permit is not made  
14 within ninety days after the expiration date of the permit, the  
15 applicant shall be treated as applying for a new instruction  
16 permit and examined in accordance with subsection (c).

17 (i) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the  
18 examiner of drivers may issue an instruction permit to an  
19 applicant with a disability who has completed a medical review  
20 with ~~[this]~~ the State~~[,]~~ and, as a condition to licensure, is  
21 required to pass a road test, but has failed the road test on



1 the applicant's first attempt. The instruction permit issued  
2 under this subsection may be renewed no more than thirty days  
3 before or ninety days after the expiration date of the  
4 instruction permit upon receiving an updated medical report.

5 Subsection (c) (2) and (3) shall not apply to the issuance or  
6 renewal of an instruction permit issued under this subsection.

7 For the purposes of this subsection, "applicant with a  
8 disability" means an applicant who the examiner of drivers has  
9 reasonable cause to believe may have a mental or physical  
10 infirmity or disability that would make it unsafe to operate a  
11 motor vehicle pursuant to section 286-119(a) (1) and has been  
12 medically evaluated by the medical advisory board established  
13 pursuant to section 286-4.1.

14 (j) An application for a new or renewed instruction permit  
15 shall serve as a voter registration application for eligible  
16 applicants under the procedures prescribed in section 11-15.7.  
17 The examiner of drivers shall consult with the office of  
18 elections to ensure that the form contains spaces for all  
19 information required to register or preregister to vote."

20 SECTION 6. Section 286-111, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:



1       "(f) An application for [a] an instruction permit,  
2 provisional license, or driver's license shall [include the]  
3 serve as a voter registration application [required under] for  
4 eligible applicants under the procedures prescribed in section  
5 11-15.7. The examiner of drivers shall consult with the office  
6 of elections to ensure that the form contains spaces for all  
7 information required to register or preregister to vote."

8       SECTION 7. Section 286-111.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10       "~~[+]~~**\$286-111.5**~~[+]~~ **Voter registration~~[-]~~ and**  
11 **preregistration.** (a) A qualified applicant for a new ~~[or]~~,  
12 renewed, or duplicate motor vehicle instruction permit,  
13 provisional license, or driver's license shall automatically be  
14 registered or preregistered to vote with the clerk of the  
15 appropriate county upon completion of the instruction permit,  
16 provisional license, or driver's license application and  
17 ~~[application for voter registration as required in]~~ confirmation  
18 of eligibility pursuant to section 11-15.7 [if the qualified  
19 ~~applicant makes a choice to register to vote on the application~~  
20 ~~form. If already registered to vote, the qualified applicant~~



1 ~~shall be offered the opportunity to decline any changes being~~  
2 ~~made to their name and address for voter registration purposes.~~

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

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





~~applicant presents a document demonstrating a lack of United States citizenship.~~

~~(c) For the purposes of this section, "qualified applicant" means a person who qualifies to register as a voter by law]."~~

SECTION 8. Section 286-117, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**"§286-117 Duplicate instruction permits, provisional licenses, and driver's licenses.** [†] (a) [†] The holder of an instruction permit, provisional license, or driver's license may, upon payment of the reasonable cost of its issuance, obtain a duplicate[†] instruction permit, provisional license, or driver's license; provided that the holder shall surrender the original instruction permit, provisional license, or driver's license or furnish satisfactory proof of loss or destruction of the same.

[†] (b) [†] The chief of police or a police officer shall notify a holder that the holder's instruction permit, provisional license, or driver's license is illegible and that the holder shall within ten days surrender the holder's instruction permit, provisional license, or driver's license and



1 apply for a duplicate~~[7]~~ instruction permit, provisional  
2 license, or driver's license. Upon failure to comply with a  
3 notice to surrender an illegible instruction permit, provisional  
4 license, or driver's license and apply for a duplicate~~[7]~~  
5 instruction permit, provisional license, or driver's license,  
6 the person to whom the permit or license is issued shall be  
7 subject to the penalties in section 286-136.

8 (c) An application for a duplicate instruction permit,  
9 provisional license, or driver's license shall serve as a voter  
10 registration application for eligible applicants under the  
11 procedures prescribed in section 11-15.7. The examiner of  
12 drivers shall consult with the office of elections to ensure  
13 that the form contains spaces for all information required to  
14 register or preregister to vote."

15 SECTION 9. Section 286-303, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

17 "(e) An application for ~~[an]~~ a new, renewed, or duplicate  
18 identification card from the examiner of drivers shall [include  
19 the] serve as a voter registration application [required under]  
20 for eligible applicants under the procedures prescribed in  
21 section 11-15.7. The director shall consult with the office of



1 elections to ensure that the form contains spaces for all  
2 information required to register or preregister to vote."

3 SECTION 10. Section 286-303.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[~~+~~]**\$286-303.5[+]** **Voter registration.** [~~+a~~] A qualified  
6 applicant for a new, [~~renewal~~], renewed, or duplicate  
7 identification card shall automatically be registered or  
8 preregistered to vote with the clerk of the appropriate county  
9 upon completion of an application for an identification card and  
10 [~~the application for voter registration as required by]~~  
11 confirmation of eligibility pursuant to section 11-15.7 [~~if the~~  
12 ~~qualified applicant makes a choice to be registered to vote. If~~  
13 ~~already registered to vote, the qualified applicant shall be~~  
14 ~~offered the opportunity to decline any changes being made to~~  
15 ~~their name and address for voter registration purposes.~~

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



~~applicant's voter registration information unless the applicant declined such changes. The examiner of drivers shall electronically transmit the necessary information to the clerk of the county in which the qualified applicant resides, election officials, and the online voter registration system pursuant to section 11-15.7(c).~~

~~The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information necessary to register a qualified applicant as a voter if the applicant made a choice not to be registered to vote nor transmit any information necessary to make changes to the qualified applicant's voter registration information if the applicant declined such changes. The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information related to a voter application or changes to the applicant's voter registration information if the applicant presents a document demonstrating a lack of United States citizenship.~~

~~(c) For the purposes of this section, "qualified applicant" means a person who qualifies to register as a voter by law]."~~

SECTION 11. Section 286-311, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1        "(a) All information and records acquired by the examiner  
2 of drivers under this part shall be confidential; provided that  
3 the examiner may transmit voter registration information as  
4 required under sections 11-15.7, 286-107, 286-110, 286-111, 286-  
5 111.5, 286-117, 286-303, and 286-303.5~~[, 286-111, and 286-303]~~.

6 All information and records shall be maintained in an  
7 appropriate form and in an appropriate office in the custody and  
8 under the control of the examiner. The information shall be  
9 available only to authorized individuals under restrictions as  
10 the director shall prescribe. The examiner may dispose of any  
11 application or identification card, or information or record  
12 relating to the application or identification card, that does  
13 not include a social security number, without regard to chapter  
14 94, whenever, in the examiner's discretion, retention of the  
15 information or record is no longer required or practicable."

16        SECTION 12. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18        SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect on January 30,  
19 2027.



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# S.B. NO. 2831

**Report Title:**

Elections; Motor Vehicle Permits and Licenses; Identification Cards

**Description:**

Authorizes state agencies to implement automatic voter registration if designated by the Office of Elections. Requires eligible applicants for instruction permits, provisional licenses, driver's licenses, and identification cards to be automatically registered or preregistered to vote unless the applicant opts out.

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