
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~~]:

9 (1) Completes the portion of the application related to
10 voter registration [~~and indicates the applicant's~~
11 ~~choice of whether to register to vote.~~];

12 (2) Completes attestations required pursuant to section
13 11-15(b) and title 52 United States Code section
14 20504(c)(2)(C); and

15 (3) Is provided clear and conspicuous notice that
16 submission of the application will automatically:



- 1 (A) Register the applicant to vote unless the
- 2 applicant affirmatively declines to be
- 3 registered, if the applicant is unregistered; or
- 4 (B) Update the applicant's name and address for voter
- 5 registration purposes, if the applicant is
- 6 already registered to vote.

7 The applicant shall be automatically registered to vote unless
 8 the applicant affirmatively declines to be registered. If
 9 already registered to vote, [~~the applicant shall be offered the~~
 10 opportunity to decline] any changes being made by the applicant
 11 to [~~their~~] the applicant's name and address on the application
 12 shall be automatically updated for voter registration
 13 purposes[~~er~~] unless the applicant affirmatively declines the
 14 changes to be made to the applicant's voter registration record.

15 The submission of the application for the issuance of an
 16 identification card under section 286-303 or the application for
 17 a driver's license under section 286-111 shall be deemed to
 18 authorize the examiner of drivers to collect and transmit the
 19 information necessary to register the applicant as a voter [~~if~~],
 20 unless the applicant [~~made such a choice~~] affirmatively declined
 21 to be registered to vote, or to make changes to the applicant's



1 voter registration information, unless the applicant
2 affirmatively declined [~~such~~] the changes. The examiner of
3 drivers shall electronically transmit the necessary information
4 to the clerk of the county in which the applicant resides,
5 election officials, and the online voter registration system
6 pursuant to subsection (c).

7 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information
8 necessary to register an applicant as a voter if the applicant
9 [~~made a choice not~~] affirmatively declined to be registered to
10 vote nor transmit any information necessary to make changes to
11 the applicant's voter registration information if the applicant
12 affirmatively declined [~~such~~] the changes. The examiner of
13 drivers shall not transmit any information [~~related to a voter~~
14 ~~application or changes to the applicant's voter registration~~
15 ~~information if~~] under this section unless the applicant presents
16 a document demonstrating [~~a lack~~] proof of United States
17 citizenship[+] or records maintained by the examiner of drivers
18 conclusively indicate that the applicant provided documentation
19 demonstrating United States citizenship as part of a previous
20 transaction. If the applicant provides documentation during the
21 transaction indicating that the applicant is not a United States



1 citizen, the applicant's information shall not be transmitted to
2 the clerk and the applicant shall not be offered a voter
3 registration or preregistration opportunity. If the documents
4 provided by the applicant do not provide sufficient information
5 to verify citizenship status, or if the examiner of drivers is
6 unable to verify that proof of citizenship was presented during
7 a previous transaction, the examiner of drivers shall provide
8 information during the transaction regarding voter registration
9 or preregistration and eligibility criteria, including
10 instructions that the applicant may only register or preregister
11 to vote if the applicant is a United States citizen."

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

14 "(a) A qualified applicant for a new or renewed motor
15 vehicle driver's license shall automatically be registered to
16 vote with the clerk of the appropriate county upon completion of
17 the driver's license application and application for voter
18 registration as required in section 11-15.7 [~~if the qualified~~
19 ~~applicant makes a choice to register to vote~~] unless the
20 applicant affirmatively declines to be registered on the
21 application form. If already registered to vote, [~~the qualified~~



1 ~~applicant shall be offered the opportunity to decline] any~~
2 changes being made by the applicant to ~~[their]~~ the applicant's
3 name and address on the application shall be automatically
4 updated for voter registration purposes[-] unless the applicant
5 affirmatively declines the changes to be made to the applicant's
6 voter registration record.

7 (b) The submission of the application for voter
8 registration together with the license or permit application
9 shall be deemed to authorize the examiner of drivers to collect
10 and transmit the information necessary to register the qualified
11 applicant as a voter [~~if~~], unless the applicant [~~made such a~~
12 choice] affirmatively declined to be registered to vote, or to
13 make changes to the qualified applicant's voter registration
14 information, unless the applicant affirmatively declined [~~such~~
15 the changes. The examiner of drivers shall electronically
16 transmit the necessary information to the clerk of the county in
17 which the qualified applicant resides, election officials, and
18 the online voter registration system pursuant to section
19 11-15.7(c).

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



1 applicant [~~made a choice not~~] affirmatively declined to be
2 registered to vote nor transmit any information necessary to
3 make changes to the qualified applicant's voter registration
4 information if the applicant affirmatively declined [~~such~~] the
5 changes. The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any
6 information related to a voter application or changes to the
7 applicant's voter registration information if the applicant
8 presents a document demonstrating a lack of United States
9 citizenship."

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

12 "(a) A qualified applicant for a new, renewal, or
13 duplicate identification card shall automatically be registered
14 to vote with the clerk of the appropriate county upon completion
15 of an application for identification card and the application
16 for voter registration as required by section 11-15.7 [~~if the~~
17 ~~qualified applicant makes a choice to be registered to vote.~~]
18 unless the applicant affirmatively declines to be registered on
19 the application form. If already registered to vote, [~~the~~
20 ~~qualified applicant shall be offered the opportunity to decline~~]
21 any changes being made by the applicant to [~~their~~] the



1 applicant's name and address on the application shall be
2 automatically updated for voter registration purposes[+] unless
3 the applicant affirmatively declines the changes to be made to
4 the applicant's voter registration record.

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

18 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information
19 necessary to register a qualified applicant as a voter if the
20 applicant [~~made a choice not~~] affirmatively declined to be
21 registered to vote nor transmit any information necessary to



1 make changes to the qualified applicant's voter registration
2 information if the applicant affirmatively declined [~~such~~] the
3 changes.

4 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information
5 related to a voter application or changes to the applicant's
6 voter registration information if the applicant presents a
7 document demonstrating a lack of United States citizenship."

8 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.



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, subject to certain conditions. 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. Effective 1/1/2027. (CD1)

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