

ACT 195

H.B. NO. 1255

A Bill for an Act Relating to Election Registration for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 11-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) Any person qualified to and desiring to register as a voter for the election of members of the board of trustees of the office of Hawaiian affairs shall make and subscribe to an application in the form of an affidavit which shall state that the person is Hawaiian and which shall contain the information required under subsection (a). The affidavit shall also apply to all elections, primary, special primary, general, special general, special, or county, held in the State, under all voting systems used within the State, so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this title.”

SECTION 2. Section 11-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§11-17 Removal from register upon failure to vote; reregistration.** The clerk shall, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the sixtieth day after every general election, remove the name of any registered voter failing to vote at the election if the voter also failed to vote at the preceding primary election with the exception of those who submit written requests for absentee ballots as provided in section 15-4. For this purpose “to vote” means the depositing of the ballot in the ballot box whether the ballot is blank

or later rejected for any reason. In the case of voting machines "to vote" means that the voter has activated the proper mechanism and fed the vote into the machine.

The clerk shall also remove the name of any voter registered to vote in the special election for election of members of the board of trustees of the office of Hawaiian affairs, who fails to vote at the special election if the voter also failed to vote in both the general election held in conjunction with the special election and the preceding primary election.

Any voter whose name has been removed from the register may at any time prior the closing of the register, as provided in section 11-24, have that person's name restored in the register by presenting oneself to the clerk and reregistering pursuant to section 11-15, or by making application by mail or otherwise pursuant to procedures established by the clerk. The clerk shall require satisfactory evidence to establish the identity of the applicant. The names of all such voters shall be reentered in the register."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 18, 1981.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.