

A Bill for an Act Relating to Absentee Voting.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. Section 15-2 is amended to read:

**“§15-2 Who may vote by absentee ballot.** Any person registered to vote may cast an absentee ballot in the manner provided in this chapter and rules adopted by the chief election officer.”

2. Section 15-4 is amended to read:

**“§15-4 Request for absentee ballot.** Any person registered to vote may request an absentee ballot in person or in writing from the clerk not earlier than on the sixtieth day and not later than 4:30 p.m. on the seventh day prior to the election. The clerk may waive any or all of the foregoing requirements in special cases as provided in the rules adopted by the chief election officer.

The request shall include information such as the address under which the person is registered and the address to which he wishes his ballot forwarded. The request, when made for any primary or special primary election, may include an additional request for an absentee ballot to be voted at any election immediately following the primary or special primary provided the person so indicates in his request.

Subsequent to the closing of registration for each election, the clerk may mail a request form for an absentee ballot to each voter in a remote area who has not already made such a request. The request form shall be accompanied by:

- (1) A stamped, self-addressed envelope; and
- (2) Instructions regarding the manner of completing and returning the request form.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.\*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 29, 1981.)

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