ACT 24

S.B. NO. 280

A Bill for an Act Relating to Elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§11-12 Age; place of registering. (a) Every person who has reached the age of eighteen years or who is seventeen years of age and will be eighteen years of age by the date of the next election, and is otherwise qualified to register may do so for that election. The person shall then be listed upon the appropriate county general register and precinct list. No person shall register or vote in any other precinct than that in which the person resides except as provided in section 11-21.

(b) A person who is otherwise qualified to register and is at least sixteen years of age but will not be eighteen years of age by the date of the next election may preregister upon satisfactory proof of age and shall be automatically registered upon reaching age eighteen."

SECTION 2. Section 11-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) The clerk, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the sixtieth day after every general election, shall remove the name of any registered voter who did not vote in the election if the person also did not vote in the preceding primary election with the exception of:

(1) [those] Those who voted in the special election for election of members of the board of trustees of the office of Hawaiian affairs held in conjunction with the general election; [or]

(2) [those] Those who submitted written requests for absentee ballots as provided in section 15-4[.]; or

(3) Anyone who preregistered pursuant to section 11-12(b).

For this purpose "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 "vote" means the voter has activated the proper mechanism and fed the vote into the machine.

The clerk shall remove the name of any person registered to vote in the special election for election of members of the board of trustees of the office of Hawaiian affairs, who did not vote in the special election, did not vote in the general election held in conjunction with the special election, and did not vote in the preceding primary election."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved April 15, 1993.)