

ACT 23

H.B. NO. 2523

A Bill for an Act Relating to the General County Register.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§11-14 General county register; restrictions in use. (a) The clerk of each county shall register all the voters in the clerk’s county in the general county register. The register shall contain the name and address of each voter unless such address is deemed confidential pursuant to section 11-14.5. Additional information required by section 11-15 may be included in the register at the discretion of the clerk. The voter’s name shall be maintained alphabetically in the register and be capable of segregation by precinct and representative district. The clerk shall keep the original or photographic copy of the affidavit of registration required by section 11-15. The general county register shall be available for election or government purposes only in accordance with section [11-14.6.] 11-97.

(b) The affidavits filed under section 11-15 and the general county register may be copied, and the clerk may release voter lists and tabulating cards or computer tapes containing data furnished in the affidavit; provided that information furnished in the affidavits, register, voter lists, cards, or tapes, shall be copied or released for election or government purposes only in accordance with section [11-14.6.] 11-97.

(c) Voter registration information which is collected and maintained by the clerk of each county may be transmitted to a central file for the purpose of correlating registration data to prevent or detect duplicate voter registrations and for the compilation of election reports.

(d) The clerk of each county shall maintain records by computer tape or otherwise of office of Hawaiian affairs registered voters to facilitate their identification as a separate category of voters.”

SECTION 2. Section 11-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) The applicant shall then affix the applicant’s signature to the affidavit. In the case where an applicant is unable to write for the reason of illiteracy, blindness, or other physical disability the applicant’s mark shall be witnessed by another person who shall sign the affidavit in the space provided. A voter having once been registered shall not be required to register again for any succeeding election, except as provided in this chapter. Affidavits approved by the clerk shall thereupon be numbered appropriately, filed by the clerk and kept available for election or government purposes in accordance with procedures established by section [11-14.6.] 11-97.”

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, 1998.)