

ACT 167

H.B. NO. 1055

A Bill for an Act Related to Elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires applicants for voter registration for federal office elections to provide a driver's license number, if one has been issued, or if none has been issued, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number. Section 303 also includes a special rule for applicants without a driver's license or social security number, which requires the State to assign the applicant a number that will serve to identify the applicant for voter registration purposes.

The legislature finds that Hawaii should conform state election law for voter registration to the same requirements of the federal office election law because the voting registration law in Hawaii does not distinguish between voter registration for state and federal offices.

The purpose of this Act is to require the applicant's Hawaii driver's license number or Hawaii state identification card number for purposes of identifying an applicant for voter registration or, if no license or identification card has been issued, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number; provided that if the applicant does not have a social security number, the State shall issue the applicant a unique identification number, which will serve to identify the applicant for voter registration purposes.

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

“(a) Any person qualified to and desiring to register as a voter in any county shall make and subscribe to an application in the form of an affidavit.

The affidavit shall contain the following information:

- (1) Name;
- (2) ~~[Social security number.]~~ The applicant's Hawaii driver's license number or Hawaii state identification card number; provided that:
 - (A) If no driver's license or identification card has been issued to the applicant, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number; and
 - (B) If no social security number has been issued to the applicant, an election official or county clerk shall assign the applicant a unique identification number for voter registration purposes and enroll the applicant in the State's computerized voter registration list, if any;
- (3) Date of birth;
- (4) Residence, including mailing address;
- (5) That the residence stated in the affidavit is not simply because of the person's presence in the State, but that the residence was acquired with the intent to make Hawaii the person's legal residence with all the accompanying obligations therein; and
- (6) That the person is a citizen.

An application to register to vote shall include a space to request a permanent absentee ballot.”

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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

(Approved June 29, 2016.)