
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§11- Late registration. (a) Notwithstanding the
5 closing of the general county register pursuant to section 11-
6 24, an individual who is eligible to vote but is not registered
7 to vote may register by appearing in person:

8 (1) Prior to the day of the election, at any absentee
9 polling place established pursuant to section 15-7; or

10 (2) On the day of the election, at the polling place for
11 the county in which the individual maintains
12 residence.

13 (b) The county clerk shall designate a registration clerk,
14 who may be an election official, at each of the absentee polling
15 places in the county, established pursuant to section 15-7,
16 prior to the day of the election and at each of the polling
17 places in the county on the day of the election. The
18 registration clerk shall process registration applications for



1 individuals not registered to vote and shall require each
2 individual to submit:

3 (1) A signed affidavit in accordance with section 11-15,
4 which shall include an affirmation of qualification to
5 vote and a statement acknowledging that the
6 individual:

7 (A) Has not voted and will not vote at any other
8 polling place for that election; and

9 (B) Has not cast or will not cast any absentee ballot
10 pursuant to chapter 15 for that election; and

11 (2) Proof of residence in accordance with section 11-13,
12 which shall include:

13 (A) A valid driver's license, state identification
14 card, or employee identification card showing the
15 individual's current address;

16 (B) A document that contains the name and address of
17 the individual, such as: a bank statement,
18 paycheck, government check, residential lease,
19 current utility bill, current telephone bill, or
20 any other government document or card;

21 (C) Any other document that is approved by the office
22 of elections as sufficient proof of residence;



1 (D) A student identification card, fee statement, or
2 registration card from a post-secondary
3 educational institution in the State or other
4 document from a post-secondary educational
5 institution that verifies the individual's
6 current address;

7 (E) Verification by an administrator, or the
8 administrator's designee, of a nursing home or
9 similar facility where the individual resides; or

10 (F) A self-subscribing affidavit of residency signed
11 under oath pursuant to section 11-15(b).

12 (c) Registration may be challenged in accordance with
13 section 11-25.

14 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), late registration
15 pursuant to this section may also be used by an individual who
16 is registered to vote but whose name cannot be found on the
17 precinct list for the polling place corresponding to the
18 individual's address.

19 (e) The clerk of each county shall add individuals who
20 properly register under this section to the respective general
21 county register. Within thirty days of registration at the
22 polling place, the county clerk shall mail to the individual a

1 notice that shall include the individual's name, address,
2 district and precinct, and date of registration. A notice
3 mailed pursuant to this subsection shall serve as prima facie
4 evidence that the individual is a registered voter as of the
5 date of registration."

6 SECTION 2. Section 15-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "§15-7 Absentee polling place[-]; registration at absentee
9 polling place. (a) Absentee polling places shall be
10 established at the office of the respective clerks, and may be
11 established at such other sites as may be designated by the
12 clerk under the provisions prescribed in the rules adopted by
13 the chief election officer. Section 11-21 relating to changes
14 and transfers of registration shall apply to the absentee
15 polling place as though it were the precinct at which a person's
16 name properly appears on the list of registered voters.

17 (b) The absentee polling places shall be open no later
18 than ten working days before election day, and all Saturdays
19 falling within that time period, or as soon thereafter as
20 ballots are available; provided that all absentee polling places
21 shall be open on the same date statewide, as determined by the
22 chief election officer.



1 (c) An individual who is eligible to vote but is not
2 registered to vote may register by appearing in person at the
3 absentee polling place for the county in which the individual
4 maintains residence.

5 (d) The county clerk shall designate a registration clerk,
6 who may be an election official, at each of the absentee polling
7 places established in the county. The registration clerk shall
8 process registration applications for individuals not registered
9 to vote and shall require each individual to submit:

10 (1) A signed affidavit in accordance with section 11-15,
11 which shall include an affirmation of qualification to
12 vote and a statement acknowledging that the
13 individual:

14 (A) Has not voted and will not vote at any other
15 polling place for that election; and

16 (B) Has not cast or will not cast any absentee ballot
17 pursuant to chapter 15 for that election; and

18 (2) Proof of residence in accordance with section 11-13,
19 which shall include:

20 (A) A valid driver's license, state identification
21 card, or employee identification card showing the
22 individual's current address;



- 1 (B) A document that contains the name and address of
2 the individual, such as: a bank statement,
3 paycheck, government check, residential lease,
4 current utility bill, current telephone bill, or
5 any other government document or card;
- 6 (C) Any other document that is approved by the office
7 of elections as sufficient proof of residence;
- 8 (D) A student identification card, fee statement, or
9 registration card from a post-secondary
10 educational institution in the State or other
11 document from a post-secondary educational
12 institution that verifies the individual's
13 current address;
- 14 (E) Verification by an administrator, or the
15 administrator's designee, of a nursing home or
16 similar facility where the individual resides; or
- 17 (F) A self-subscribing affidavit of residency signed
18 under oath pursuant to section 11-15(b).

19 (e) Registration may be challenged in accordance with
20 section 11-25.

21 (f) Notwithstanding subsection (c), absentee polling place
22 registration pursuant to this section may be used by an



1 individual who is registered to vote but whose name cannot be
2 found on the precinct list for the polling place corresponding
3 to the individual's address.

4 (g) The clerk of each county shall add individuals who
5 properly register at an absentee polling place to the respective
6 general county register. Within thirty days of registration at
7 an absentee polling place, the county clerk shall mail to the
8 individual a notice that shall include the individual's name,
9 address, district and precinct, and date of registration. A
10 notice mailed pursuant to this subsection shall serve as prima
11 facie evidence that the individual is a registered voter as of
12 the date of registration."

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the federal funds
14 awarded to the State from the Help America Vote Act of 2002 the
15 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for
16 fiscal year 2014-2015 for the counties to implement this Act,
17 which may include upgrading the registration process by
18 purchasing electronic poll books.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
20 elections for the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



H.B. NO. 2590

1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014;
2 provided that:

3 (1) Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on January 1,
4 2016, and shall be repealed on December 31, 2017, and
5 section 15-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be
6 reenacted in the form in which it read on the day
7 immediately prior to the effective date of this Act;
8 and

9 (2) Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on January 1,
10 2018.
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Report Title:

Voting; Late Registration; Absentee Polling Places

Description:

Allows voter registration at absentee polling places beginning in 2016 and late voter registration on election day at polling places beginning in 2018.

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