## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 15-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:
- 3 "(e) When a registered voter requests an absentee ballot,
- 4 the voter also may include an additional request to receive
- 5 absentee ballots permanently. After receiving a request for
- 6 permanent absentee voter status, the clerk shall mail to the
- 7 voter who requested permanent absentee voter status an absentee
- 8 ballot for all subsequent elections conducted in that precinct.
- 9 The forwarding address for absentee ballots to be permanently
- 10 mailed shall be the in-state mailing address contained in the
- 11 voter's registration record. Voters who seek to have ballots
- 12 forwarded to another address shall apply for an absentee ballot
- 13 under subsection (a)."
- 14 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

## Report Title:

Office of Elections Package; Permanent Absentee Ballots

## Description:

Specifies the in-state mailing address in a voter's registration record as the forwarding address for receiving absentee ballots permanently. Requires voters seeking to have permanent absentee ballots forwarded to another address to re-apply for an absentee ballot. (HB179 HD1)

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