

JAN 21 2011

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that voter registration
2 is stagnant in the State. The legislature further finds that
3 voter registration should be encouraged to increase the number
4 of eligible voters, as a fundamental principle of participatory
5 democracy.

6 SECTION 2. This Act shall be known as the Universal Voter
7 Registration Act.

8 SECTION 3. All residents of the State of Hawaii who are
9 eligible to register to vote shall register to vote under
10 procedures set forth in law. A resident who declines to
11 register to vote must do so by affirmatively declining to
12 register.

13 The deadline for registration or to affirmatively decline
14 to register shall be the first Tuesday in January of the first
15 federal election year following the November 2010 elections, and
16 the same date of every federal election year thereafter.



1 SECTION 4. The chief election officer shall adopt rules
2 pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for purposes of this Act,
3 including the provision of forms.

4 SECTION 5. A person who is eligible to register to vote
5 and who fails to do so or to affirmatively decline to register,
6 as required under this Act, shall:

- 7 (1) Be subject to a fine not to exceed \$; and
- 8 (2) Be ineligible for state-sponsored benefits or
9 employment;

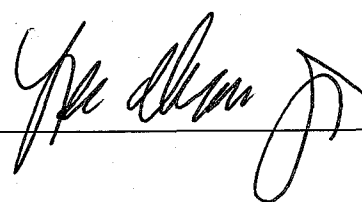
10 provided that a person may show proof of compliance with this
11 Act to avoid penalty under this section.

12 SECTION 6. All fines received by the State under section
13 5(1) of this Act shall be deposited into the general fund for
14 expenditure to defray expenses of the office of elections to
15 register votes and conduct election education.

16 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



By Request



Report Title:

Voter Registration

Description:

Enacts the Universal Voter Registration Act.

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