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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 11-136,  
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, does not explicitly require the  
3 presentation of photo identification by every person applying to  
4 vote when signing the person's name in the poll book prepared  
5 for that purpose.

6           The legislature further finds that while section 11-136,  
7 Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires a person to provide  
8 identification if so requested by an official, it does not  
9 explicitly define acceptable forms of voter identification. The  
10 lack of any requirement that a voter confirm his or her identity  
11 to a precinct official is a serious defect in our voting  
12 process. The current law must be changed in order to protect  
13 against voter fraud and ensure fair elections.

14           The purpose of this Act is to require the presentation of  
15 an acceptable form of photo identification by every person  
16 applying to vote prior to signing the person's name in the poll  
17 book prepared for that purpose.



1 SECTION 2. Section 11-136, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§11-136 Poll book, identification, voting. (a) Every  
4 person upon applying to vote shall sign the person's name in the  
5 poll book prepared for that purpose. This requirement may be  
6 waived by the chairperson of the precinct officials if for  
7 reasons of illiteracy or blindness or other physical disability  
8 the voter is unable to write. Every person shall provide  
9 identification [~~if so requested by~~] to a precinct official. The  
10 precinct official shall use the identification provided to  
11 confirm the identity of the person signing the poll book.  
12 Identification provided to a precinct official shall contain a  
13 photograph of the person. A poll book shall not contain the  
14 social security number of any person.

15 After signing the poll book and receiving the voter's  
16 ballot, the voter shall proceed to the voting booth to vote  
17 according to the voting system in use in the voter's precinct.  
18 The precinct official may, and upon request shall, explain to  
19 the voter the mode of voting.

20 (b) The following forms of identification are acceptable  
21 proof of identification under this section:



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- 1           (1) A valid driver's license issued by the State of  
2           Hawaii;
- 3           (2) A valid identification card issued by a branch,  
4           department, agency, or other governmental entity  
5           of the State of Hawaii, any other state, or the  
6           United States authorized by law to issue personal  
7           identification, provided that such identification  
8           card contains a photograph of the voter;
- 9           (3) A United States citizenship certificate issued to  
10           the person, provided that such certificate  
11           contains a photograph of the voter;
- 12           (4) A valid United States passport issued to the  
13           person; or
- 14           (5) A valid United States military identification  
15           card, provided that such identification card  
16           contains a photograph of the voter."

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

19           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Voters; identification

**Description:**

Requires a precinct official to request photo identification from persons signing a poll book, and verify information contained in the poll book.

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