
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 15-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§15-3.5[+] Federal write-in absentee ballot[-];
4 emergency authority. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of
5 this chapter and chapters 11 and 16, the federal write-in
6 absentee ballot for overseas voters in general elections for
7 federal office which must be prescribed under section 1973ff of
8 title 42, United States Code, as amended, may be used in general
9 elections for federal offices.

10 (b) If an international, national, state, or county
11 emergency or other situation arises that makes substantial
12 compliance with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee
13 Voting Act, 42 United States Code section 1973ff et seq.,
14 impossible or impracticable, as confirmed by the existence of
15 armed conflict involving United States armed forces or the
16 mobilization of those forces, including national guard and other
17 reserve component members of, or residing in, this State, or by
18 the occurrence of a natural disaster or the existence of a state



H.B. NO. 2236

Report Title:

Absentee Voting; Emergency Authority

Description:

Authorizes the governor or chief election officer to designate alternate methods of handling federal absentee ballots during periods of declared emergency.

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