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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ABSENTEE VOTING.

**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 (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) Any person registered to vote may request an absentee  
4 ballot or permanent absentee ballot in person or in writing from  
5 the clerk at any time but not later than 4:30 p.m. on the  
6 seventh day prior to the election. Any mailed requests for an  
7 absentee ballot or permanent absentee ballot shall be mailed by  
8 the person directly to the clerk. The clerk may waive any or  
9 all of the foregoing requirements in special cases as provided  
10 in the rules adopted by the chief election officer.

11           The request shall include information such as the person's  
12 social security number, date of birth, and the address under  
13 which the person is registered to vote. The request shall also  
14 include the address to which the person wishes the requested  
15 ballot to be forwarded. The request, when made for any primary  
16 or special primary election, may include an additional request  
17 for an absentee ballot to be voted at any election immediately



1 following the primary or special primary; provided the person so  
2 indicates in the person's request.

3 Subsequent to the closing of registration for each  
4 election, the clerk may mail a request form for an absentee  
5 ballot and permanent absentee ballot to each voter in a remote  
6 area who has not already made such a request. The request form  
7 shall be accompanied by:

8 (1) A stamped, self-addressed envelope; and

9 (2) Instructions regarding the manner of completing and  
10 returning the request form.

11 Notwithstanding the request process specified by this  
12 subsection, all registered voters age seventy-five and older in  
13 the year of an election shall automatically be permanent  
14 absentee voters. The clerk shall inform all such voters of  
15 their permanent absentee status and shall mail to the voter an  
16 absentee ballot for all elections conducted in the voter's  
17 precinct, unless such status is terminated due to the conditions  
18 in subsection (i) (1) or (2)."

19 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Absentee Voting

**Description:**

Requires all registered voters age 75 and older to automatically be permanent absentee voters voting by absentee ballot.

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