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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§11- Registration as a permanent absentee voter. The
5 submission of a voter registration application either to
6 register to vote or to update a voter's registration information
7 shall constitute a request for permanent absentee voter status
8 under section 15-4, unless the applicant specifically indicates
9 the applicant does not wish to be a permanent absentee voter."

10 SECTION 2. Section 11-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) Any person qualified to and desiring to register as a
13 voter in any county shall make and subscribe to an application
14 in the form of an affidavit.

15 The affidavit shall contain the following information:

16 (1) Name;



1 (2) The applicant's Hawaii driver's license number or
2 Hawaii state identification card number; provided
3 that:

4 (A) If no driver's license or identification card has
5 been issued to the applicant, the last four
6 digits of the applicant's social security number;
7 and

8 (B) If no social security number has been issued to
9 the applicant, an election official or county
10 clerk shall assign the applicant a unique
11 identification number for voter registration
12 purposes and enroll the applicant in the State's
13 computerized voter registration list, if any;

14 (3) Date of birth;

15 (4) Residence, including mailing address;

16 (5) That the residence stated in the affidavit is not
17 simply because of the [~~person's~~] applicant's presence
18 in the State, but that the residence was acquired with
19 the intent to make Hawaii the [~~person's~~] applicant's
20 legal residence with all the accompanying obligations
21 therein; and



1 (6) That the [~~person~~] applicant is a citizen.

2 An application to register to vote shall include a space to
3 [~~request a~~] decline permanent absentee ballot[-] status."

4 SECTION 3. Section 11-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

6 "(a) Any qualified person unable for any cause to appear
7 in person before the clerk for registration may register to vote
8 by mail, not later than thirty days prior to a primary or
9 general election, through the affidavit on application for voter
10 registration or other form prescribed by the chief election
11 officer. The form shall include a self-subscribing oath for the
12 applicant to swear to the truth of the allegations in the
13 application. An applicant unable to write for reason of
14 illiteracy, blindness, or other physical disability shall have
15 the applicant's mark witnessed by a person who shall sign the
16 affidavit in the space provided. Each application form shall
17 also include a space to [~~request a~~] decline permanent absentee
18 ballot[-] status. Application forms shall be made available to
19 any qualified person through community groups, political
20 parties, and other groups prescribed by the chief election
21 officer. Application forms shall be made available to any



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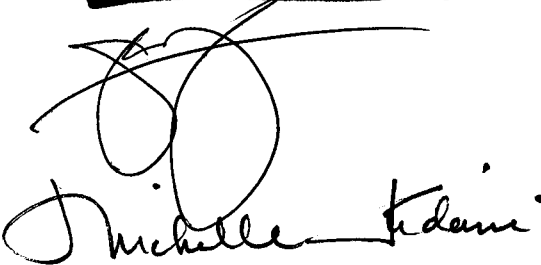

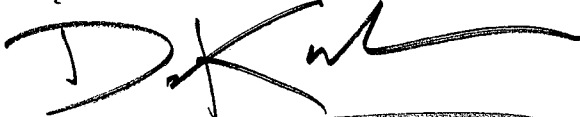
1 qualified person at the time of that person's driver's license
2 application or renewal through the examiner of drivers."

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

Voter Registration; Permanent Absentee Voter Status

Description:

Provides that the submission of a voter registration application either to register to vote or update the voter's registration information constitutes a request for permanent absentee voter status unless the applicant specifically indicates the applicant does not wish to be a permanent absentee voter.

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