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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. 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- Automatic registration. (a) An application for  
5 voter registration, including an affidavit, shall be a part of  
6 the application for issuance of an identification card under  
7 section 286-301 and the application for issuance of a driver's  
8 license under section 286-109. Each application for voter  
9 registration shall include a space to request a change of name  
10 or address.

11           (b) Applications for an identification card or driver's  
12 license shall not be processed until the applicant completes the  
13 portion of the application related to voter registration, which  
14 shall include a space to request a change of name or address;  
15 provided that if the applicant does not wish to register to  
16 vote, the applicant shall affirmatively decline on the  
17 application. Unless an applicant affirmatively declines to be



1 registered to vote, the submission of the application for the  
2 issuance of an identification card under section 286-301 and the  
3 application for a driver's license under section 286-109 shall  
4 be deemed to authorize the examiner of drivers to collect and  
5 transmit the information necessary to register the applicant as  
6 a voter and make changes to the applicant's voter registration  
7 information. The examiner of drivers shall electronically  
8 transmit the necessary information to the clerk of the county in  
9 which the applicant resides, election officials, and the online  
10 voter registration system pursuant to subsection (d).

11 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information  
12 necessary to register an applicant as a voter or change any  
13 voter registration information if that applicant affirmatively  
14 declines to be registered to vote. The examiner of drivers  
15 shall not electronically transmit any information if that  
16 applicant affirmatively declines for the information to be  
17 transmitted.

18 (c) Upon receipt of the completed voter registration  
19 application transmitted from the examiner of drivers, the clerk  
20 shall review and either approve or reject the voter registration  
21 application in accordance with this part; provided that approved



1 voter registration applications received from the examiner of  
2 drivers pursuant to this section shall be treated as having a  
3 valid signature for purposes of section 11-15(c) whether  
4 transmitted electronically or by facsimile transmission. Upon  
5 approval of the voter registration application, including a  
6 request for change of voter registration information, the clerk  
7 shall proceed to number the application and register the name of  
8 the voter in the general county register as provided in section  
9 11-14 or make changes to the voter's existing voter registration  
10 information.

11 (d) Databases maintained or operated by the counties or  
12 the department of transportation containing driver's license or  
13 identification card information, including any documents or  
14 images, shall be directly accessible and provided electronically  
15 to election officials and the online voter registration system  
16 to allow for the timely processing of voter applications, ensure  
17 the integrity of the voter registration polls, and for any other  
18 voter registration or election purposes, as determined by the  
19 chief election officer."



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part VI to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§286-A Voter registration. (a) A qualified applicant  
5 for a new or renewal motor vehicle driver's license, provisional  
6 license, or instruction permit shall automatically be registered  
7 to vote with the clerk of the appropriate county upon completion  
8 of the license or permit application and the affidavit and  
9 application for voter registration as required by section 11-  
10 unless the applicant affirmatively declines on the application  
11 form to be registered to vote. The qualified applicant may  
12 request on the same form that a change be made to the  
13 applicant's name or address in the case of existing voter  
14 registration information.

15 (b) Unless an applicant affirmatively declines to be  
16 registered to vote, the submission of the affidavit and  
17 application for voter registration together with the license or  
18 permit application shall be deemed to authorize the examiner of  
19 drivers to collect and transmit the information necessary to  
20 register the applicant as a voter or make changes to the  
21 applicant's voter registration information, and the examiner of



1 drivers shall electronically transmit the necessary information  
2 to the clerk of the county in which the applicant resides,  
3 election officials, and the online voter registration system  
4 pursuant to section 11- (d).

5 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information  
6 necessary to register an applicant as a voter if that applicant  
7 affirmatively declines to be registered to vote. The examiner  
8 of drivers shall not electronically transmit any information if  
9 that applicant affirmatively declines for the information to be  
10 transmitted.

11 (c) As used in this section, "qualified applicant" means a  
12 person who qualifies to register as a voter by law."

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to part XVI to be appropriately  
15 designated and to read as follows:

16 **"§286-B Voter registration.** (a) A qualified applicant  
17 for a new, renewal, or duplicate identification card shall  
18 automatically be registered to vote with the clerk of the  
19 appropriate county upon completion of an application for  
20 identification card and the affidavit and application for voter  
21 registration as required by section 11- unless the applicant



1 affirmatively declines on the application form to be registered  
2 to vote. The qualified applicant may request on the same form  
3 that a change be made to the applicant's name or address in the  
4 case of existing voter registration information.

5 (b) Unless an applicant affirmatively declines to be  
6 registered to vote, the submission of the affidavit and  
7 application for voter registration together with the application  
8 for the identification card shall be deemed to authorize the  
9 examiner of drivers to collect and transmit the information  
10 necessary to register the applicant as a voter or make changes  
11 to the applicant's voter registration information, and the  
12 examiner of drivers shall electronically transmit the necessary  
13 information to the clerk of the county in which the applicant  
14 resides, election officials, and the online voter registration  
15 system pursuant to section 11- (d).

16 The examiner of drivers shall not transmit any information  
17 necessary to register an applicant as a voter if that applicant  
18 affirmatively declines to be registered to vote. The examiner  
19 of drivers shall not electronically transmit any information if  
20 that applicant affirmatively declines for the information to be  
21 transmitted.



1        (c) As used in this section, "qualified applicant" means a  
2 person who qualifies to register as a voter by law."

3        SECTION 4. Section 286-108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5        "(a) Except as provided in section 286-107.5(a), the  
6 examiner of drivers shall examine every applicant for a driver's  
7 license, except as otherwise provided in this part. The  
8 examination shall include a test of:

- 9        (1) The applicant's eyesight and any further physical  
10        examination that the examiner of drivers finds  
11        necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to  
12        operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highways;
- 13        (2) The applicant's ability to understand highway signs  
14        regulating, warning, and directing traffic;
- 15        (3) The applicant's knowledge of the rules of the road  
16        based on the traffic laws of the State and the traffic  
17        ordinances of the county where the applicant resides  
18        or intends to operate a motor vehicle; provided that  
19        the examination shall specifically test the  
20        applicant's knowledge of the provisions of section  
21        291C-121.5 and section 291C-137; and



1           (4) The actual demonstration of ability to exercise  
2           ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a  
3           motor vehicle.

4 The examinations shall be appropriate to the operation of the  
5 category of motor vehicle for which the applicant seeks to be  
6 licensed and shall be conducted as required by the director.

7           The examiner of drivers shall require every applicant to  
8 comply with section 286-102.5.

9           The examiner of drivers may waive the actual demonstration  
10 of ability to operate a motorcycle or motor scooter for any  
11 person who furnishes evidence, to the satisfaction of the  
12 examiner of drivers, that the person has completed the  
13 motorcycle education course approved by the director in  
14 accordance with section 431:10G-104.

15           ~~[At the time of examination, an application for voter~~  
16 ~~registration by mail shall be made available to every applicant~~  
17 ~~for a driver's license.]~~

18           For the purposes of this section, the term "applicant" does  
19 not include any person reactivating a license under section  
20 286-107.5(a)."





1 SECTION 5. Section 286-109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§286-109 General provision governing the issuance of  
4 licenses. (a) Upon payment of the required fee and upon  
5 demonstrating the ability to operate a certain category or  
6 categories of motor vehicles to the satisfaction of the examiner  
7 of drivers, an applicant for a driver's license shall be issued  
8 a single license of a design approved by the director of  
9 transportation upon which is made a notation of:

- 10 (1) The person's full legal name, date of birth, gender
- 11 designation, residence address, and license number;
- 12 (2) The category or categories of motor vehicles the
- 13 applicant may operate;
- 14 (3) Any restrictive provisions to which the license is
- 15 subject;
- 16 (4) Veteran status, if desired by the applicant; provided
- 17 that the notation shall be on the front of the license
- 18 and shall not include any designation other than the
- 19 term "veteran"; and
- 20 (5) When the license is issued to a person under twenty-
- 21 one years of age, a statement, in clearly legible



1 print that shall contrast with the other information  
2 appearing on the license, which indicates the date on  
3 which the person will attain the age of twenty-one  
4 years.

5 As used in this subsection:

6 "Gender designation" includes the options of F, M, or X.

7 "Veteran" means any person who served in any of the  
8 uniformed services of the United States, including veterans of  
9 the Korean conflict and persons who served in the armed forces  
10 of the Republic of Korea, who fought under the command of the  
11 United Nations led by the United States, during the Korean  
12 conflict and are currently United States citizens, and was  
13 discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

14 (b) The examiner of drivers shall not issue or renew any  
15 driver's license using the driver's social security number on  
16 the driver's license.

17 (c) Statutes of limitations and other provisions of this  
18 chapter notwithstanding, no driver's license or instruction  
19 permit shall be issued or renewed under this section, where the  
20 examiner of drivers is notified by the district judge, traffic  
21 violations bureaus of the district courts, or the judge of the



1 circuit court that the applicant has failed to respond to a  
2 traffic citation or summons, or failed to appear in court after  
3 an arrest for the violation of any traffic laws of a county,  
4 this chapter or chapter 286G, 287, 290, 291, or 291C, or of any  
5 motor vehicle insurance laws under article 10C of chapter 431,  
6 or of any motorcycle or motor scooter insurance laws under  
7 article 10G of chapter 431, and the same remains delinquent and  
8 outstanding, or the applicant, has as of the time of the  
9 application, failed to comply in full with all orders of the  
10 court; provided that the district court with whose order an  
11 applicant has failed to comply in full, may approve the issuance  
12 or renewal of a driver's license or instruction permit other  
13 than a commercial driver's license upon conditions imposed by  
14 the court for the satisfaction of the outstanding court order  
15 and any other conditions as may be imposed by the court, if one  
16 or more of the following conditions are met:

- 17 (1) The applicant is gainfully employed in a position that  
18 requires driving and will be discharged if the  
19 applicant is unable to drive; or
- 20 (2) The applicant has no access to alternative  
21 transportation and therefore must drive to work;



1 provided further that if the applicant has failed to comply in  
2 full with orders of the district court of more than one circuit,  
3 the applicant shall obtain the approval of the district court of  
4 each circuit in which the applicant has an outstanding court  
5 order before a driver's license or instruction permit may be  
6 issued or renewed under this subsection.

7 A driver's license or instruction permit issued or renewed  
8 under this subsection shall be subject to immediate suspension  
9 by the court upon the applicant's failure to remain in full  
10 compliance with all conditions imposed by the court for the  
11 issuance or renewal of the driver's license or instruction  
12 permit. The examiner of drivers may place an indication of  
13 restriction upon a driver's license or instruction permit issued  
14 or renewed under this subsection. Proof of financial  
15 responsibility under section 287-20 shall not apply to the  
16 issuance or renewal of driver's licenses or instruction permits  
17 under this subsection.

18 (d) An application for a driver's license shall include  
19 the affidavit and voter registration application required under  
20 section 11- ."



1 SECTION 6. Section 286-301, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[-]§286-301[+] Issuance of identification card or  
4 temporary card. (a) To obtain an identification card from the  
5 examiner of drivers, an individual shall complete an application  
6 pursuant to section 286-303.

7 (b) The examiner of drivers, upon receipt of the  
8 application by any individual who is a resident or a temporary  
9 resident of this State, shall issue an identification card to  
10 that individual upon receipt of any appropriate fee established  
11 pursuant to section 286-309.

12 (c) The identification card shall be similar in size,  
13 shape, and design to a driver's license, but shall not entitle  
14 the individual to whom it is issued to operate a motor vehicle.

15 (d) The issuance of an identification card pursuant to  
16 this section shall not place upon the State of Hawaii or any  
17 agency any liability for the misuse or the acceptance of the  
18 identification card as valid identification, which shall be left  
19 entirely to the discretion of any individual to whom such card  
20 is presented.



1       (e) An application for an identification card from the  
2 examiner of drivers shall include the affidavit and voter  
3 registration application required under section 11- ."

4       SECTION 7. Section 286-311, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

6       "(a) All information and records acquired by the examiner  
7 of drivers under this part shall be confidential[-]; provided  
8 that the examiner may transmit voter registration information as  
9 required under sections 286-A, 286-B, 286-109, and 286-301. All  
10 information and records shall be maintained in an appropriate  
11 form and in an appropriate office in the custody and under the  
12 control of the examiner. The information shall be available  
13 only to authorized individuals under such restrictions as the  
14 director shall prescribe. The examiner may dispose of any  
15 application or identification card, or information or record  
16 relating to the application or identification card, which does  
17 not include a social security number, without regard to chapter  
18 94, whenever, in the examiner's discretion, retention of the  
19 information or record is no longer required or practicable."

20       SECTION 8. The examiner of drivers in each county shall  
21 cooperate with the office of elections to develop such forms,



1 applications, and affidavits necessary to effectuate the  
2 purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 9. In codifying the new sections added by sections  
4 2 and 3 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
5 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
6 the new sections in this Act.

7 SECTION 10. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Automatic Voter Registration; Driver's License; Provisional License; Instruction Permit; Identification Card; Affirmative Opt-out

**Description:**

Requires that any person who is eligible to vote and applies for a new or renewal motor vehicle driver's license, provisional license, or instruction permit, or a new, renewal, or duplicate identification card be automatically registered to vote if that person is not already registered to vote unless the applicant affirmatively declines to be registered to vote. Authorizes access to and electronic transmission of databases maintained or operated by the counties or the department of transportation containing driver's license or identification card information to election officials and the statewide voter registration system. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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