

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTING.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 11-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "§11-11 Registration. A person who registers as required
- 4 by law shall be entitled to vote at any state or local election;
- 5 provided that the person shall have attained the age of
- 6 [eighteen] sixteen at the time of that election. A person who
- 7 registers as required by law shall be entitled to vote at any
- 8 federal election; provided that the person shall have attained
- 9 the age of eighteen at the time of that election. The county
- 10 clerk shall be responsible for voter registration in the
- 11 respective counties and the keeping of the general register and
- 12 precinct lists within the county."
- 13 SECTION 2. Section 11-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- 15 "§11-12 Age; place of registering. (a) Every person who
- 16 has reached the age of [eighteen] sixteen years or who is
- 17 [seventeen] fifteen years of age and will be [eighteen] sixteen



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- 1 years of age by the date of the next state or local election,
- 2 and is otherwise qualified to register may do so for that
- 3 election. The person shall then be listed upon the appropriate
- 4 county general register and precinct list. No person shall
- 5 register or vote in any other precinct than that in which the
- 6 person resides except as provided in section 11-21.
- 7 (b) A person who is otherwise qualified to register and is
- 8 at least [sixteen] fourteen years of age but will not be
- 9 [eighteen] sixteen years of age by the date of the next state or
- 10 local election may preregister upon satisfactory proof of age
- 11 and shall be automatically registered upon reaching age
- 12 [eighteen.] sixteen.
- (c) Any person who registers pursuant to this section
- 14 shall not vote in any federal election unless the person has
- 15 reached the age of eighteen at the time of that election."
- 16 SECTION 3. Section 11-15.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 17 amended to read as follows:
- "[+] \$11-15.5[+] Duties of all state agencies; voter
- 19 registration. Each state agency that deals with the public
- 20 shall make available to each member of the public [eighteen]
- 21 sixteen years of age or older an application in the form of an

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- 1 affidavit for voter registration pursuant to section 11-15. The
- 2 application shall be available by mail or in person depending on
- 3 the manner in which the agency's services are requested by the
- 4 person. The form of the application may be identical to that
- 5 described and found in public telephone directories."
- 6 SECTION 4. Section 13D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:
- 8 "(a) Every person who registers as required by law shall
- 9 be entitled to vote at any election of board members provided
- 10 that the person shall have attained the age of [eighteen]
- 11 sixteen years at the time of the election.
- 12 (b) No person shall be eligible to register as a voter for
- 13 the election of board members unless the person meets the
- 14 following qualifications:
- 15 (1) The person has attained the age of [eighteen] sixteen
- years or will have attained such age within one year
- of the date of the next election of board members; and
- 18 (2) The person is otherwise qualified to register to vote
- in the State."
- 20 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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	1	SECTION	6.	This	Act	shall	take	effect	upon	its	approval
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- 2 and upon ratification of a constitutional amendment lowering the
- qualifying age of voters for any state or local election to
- 4 sixteen years of age.

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Report Title:

Voting Age Decrease; State and Local Elections

Description:

Lowers the age of voting in state and local elections from eighteen to sixteen years of age. Lowers the age of preregistration.

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