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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOARDS OF REGISTRATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There shall be four boards of registration: one for  
4 the island of Hawaii; one for the islands of Maui, Molokai,  
5 Lanai, and Kahoolawe; one for the island of Oahu; and one for  
6 the islands of Kauai and Niihau. The boards, which shall be in  
7 the department of accounting and general services for  
8 administrative purposes, shall consist of three members each  
9 ~~[and]~~ who shall be appointed by the governor by and with the  
10 advice and consent of the senate; their terms of office shall be  
11 four years. Each member shall, at the time of appointment and  
12 continuing through their term of office, be a registered voter  
13 in the respective county of the board to which the member is  
14 appointed.

15 (b) In no case shall any board consist entirely of members  
16 of one political party. Party membership shall be the member's  
17 party membership at the time of appointment and shall be



1 determined by the respective political party. If a member  
2 changes their party membership during their term of office, then  
3 the member's new party membership shall be their membership for  
4 the purposes of this subsection. Upon request by the governor  
5 or a senator, a member shall provide verification of party  
6 membership. A member shall also provide notice that they have  
7 changed their party membership to the governor and senate  
8 president if the member changes their party membership during  
9 their term of office."

10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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**Report Title:**

Elections; Boards of Registration; Political Parties

**Description:**

Requires members of each board of registration be a registered voter in the respective county of the board to which the member is appointed and remain a registered voter in that county for their term of office. Establishes methods for determining and verifying a board member's political party membership. Takes effect 1/1/2024. (SD1)

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