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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REGISTERED VOTERS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii fails to  
2 accurately maintain its voter rolls, and the outdated voter  
3 rolls undermine public trust in elections. According to an  
4 analysis conducted by the Heritage Foundation assessing  
5 verification of citizenship, absentee ballot management,  
6 accuracy of voter registration lists, voter identification  
7 requirements, and other metrics, Hawaii ranks last in the nation  
8 for election integrity. Further, Hawaii scored the second  
9 lowest marks in the nation on accuracy of voter registration  
10 lists.

11           The legislature finds that many other states including,  
12 Tennessee, Utah, Maryland, and Colorado implemented measures to  
13 purge deceased residents from voter rolls. While the department  
14 of health is required to send death records to the county clerk,  
15 there is not currently a mandatory timeline for the clerks to  
16 update the general register accordingly. The purpose of this  
17 Act is to require county clerks to update the general register



1 upon receipt of death certificates and other records to help  
2 maintain accurate voter rolls.

3 SECTION 2. Section 11-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 **"§11-23 Changing register; striking names of disqualified**  
6 **voters.** Whenever the clerk receives from the department of  
7 health or any informing agency, information of the death, loss  
8 of voting rights of a person sentenced for a felony as provided  
9 in section 831-2, adjudication as an incapacitated person under  
10 the provisions of chapter 560, loss of citizenship, or any other  
11 disqualification to vote, the clerk [~~may~~] shall accept the  
12 reported information as prima facie evidence to maintain and  
13 update the general register. The clerk shall update the general  
14 register upon receipt of death records from the department of  
15 health as provided in section 338-4 or any other disqualifying  
16 information from an informing agency. Any person whose name is  
17 removed from the register of voters under this section may  
18 reregister to vote or appeal in the manner provided by sections  
19 11-26 and 11-51, and the proceedings shall be had upon the  
20 appeal as in other appeals under these sections."



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

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Elections; County Clerks; Voter Registration; Records; Deaths

**Description:**

Requires county clerks to update the general register of voters according to death certificates and other disqualifying records upon receipt from department of health or another informing agency.

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