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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-15.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~{}~~§11-15.5~~{}~~ **Duties of all state agencies; voter**
4 **registration.** (a) Each state agency that deals with the public
5 shall make available to each member of the public eighteen years
6 of age or older an application in the form of an affidavit for
7 voter registration pursuant to section 11-15. The application
8 shall be available by mail or in person depending on the manner
9 in which the agency's services are requested by the person. The
10 form of the application may be identical to that described and
11 found in public telephone directories.

12 (b) Each state agency that deals with the public and
13 collects or cross-references reliable personal information
14 indicating citizenship status shall provide that an application
15 for a license, permit, program, or service shall serve as a
16 dual-purpose application. The dual-purpose application shall:

17 (1) Serve as an application for voter registration;



1 (2) Allow an applicant to change the applicant's
2 registered residence address or name as it appears on
3 the voter registration rolls; and

4 (3) Provide the applicant with an opportunity to
5 affirmatively decline to register to vote or change
6 the applicant's registered residence address or name
7 by providing a check box on the application form
8 without requiring the applicant to state the reason.

9 Dual-purpose applications shall not be processed until the
10 applicant completes the portion of the application related to
11 voter registration and indicates the applicant's choice of
12 whether to register to vote.

13 The submission of the dual-purpose application shall be
14 deemed to authorize the director of the respective state agency
15 to collect and transmit the information necessary to register
16 the applicant as a voter if the applicant made the choice to
17 register or to make changes to the applicant's voter
18 registration information unless the applicant declined the
19 changes. The director of the respective state agency shall
20 electronically transmit the necessary information to the clerk
21 of the county in which the applicant resides, election



1 officials, and the online voter registration system pursuant to
2 subsection (d).

3 The director of the respective state agency shall not
4 transmit any information necessary to register an applicant as a
5 voter if the applicant made a choice not to be registered to
6 vote nor transmit any information necessary to make changes to
7 the applicant's voter registration information if the applicant
8 declined any changes. The director of the respective state
9 agency shall not transmit any information related to a voter
10 application or changes to the applicant's voter registration
11 information if the applicant presents a document demonstrating a
12 lack of United States citizenship.

13 (c) Upon receipt of the completed dual-purpose application
14 transmitted from the director of the respective state agency,
15 the clerk shall review and either approve or reject the voter
16 registration application in accordance with this part; provided
17 that approved voter registration applications received from the
18 director of the respective state agency pursuant to this section
19 shall be treated as having a valid signature for purposes of
20 section 11-15(c), whether transmitted electronically or by
21 facsimile transmission. Upon the clerk's approval of the voter



1 registration application or any changes to the voter
2 registration information, the clerk shall proceed to number the
3 application and register the name of the voter in the general
4 county register as provided in section 11-14 or make approved
5 changes to the voter's existing voter registration information
6 as applicable.

7 (d) Databases maintained or operated by each state agency
8 offering dual-purpose applications containing dual-purpose
9 application information, including any documents or images,
10 shall be accessible and provided electronically to election
11 officials and the online voter registration system to allow for
12 the timely processing of voter applications, ensure the
13 integrity of the voter registration polls, and for any other
14 voter registration or election purposes, as determined by the
15 director of the respective state agency offering dual-purpose
16 applications.

17 (e) For the purposes of this section:

18 "Dual-purpose application" means an application, an
19 application for renewal, a change of address form, or a
20 recertification form for a license, permit, program, or service



1 offered by a state agency that also serves as an application to
2 register to vote in the State.

3 "Reliable personal information" means information about
4 individuals obtained from government sources that may be used to
5 verify whether an individual is eligible to register to vote."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 78

Report Title:

Automatic Voter Registration; State Agencies; Dual-Purpose Applications

Description:

Makes an application for voter registration part of certain state agency application processes. Requires the sharing of certain information among certain state agencies, election personnel, and online voter registration system.

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