

ACT 149

H.B. No. 2604-84

A Bill for an Act Relating to Absentee Voting.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 15-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§15-2 Who may vote by absentee ballot. Any person registered to vote may cast an absentee ballot in the manner provided in this chapter and rules adopted by the chief election officer[,] if the person is able to affirm generally to any of the following conditions:

- (1) Absence from the island, county, or district in which the voter is registered on election day;
- (2) Confinement in any hospital;
- (3) Confinement in any public institution for the care of aged persons;

- (4) Confinement in any Hansen's disease institution or settlement;
- (5) Confinement in any penal institution for misdemeanor or as a pretrial detainee;
- (6) Confinement to the voter's home because of illness, infirmity, or physical disability;
- (7) Conflicting religious belief, ruling, doctrine, or standard.

Any other voter unable to appear at his polling place on election day for causes determined by the chief election officer by rule to be good and sufficient shall be entitled to vote as provided by this chapter and the rules adopted thereunder."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

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

(Approved May 24, 1984.)