

STATE OF HAWAII OFFICE OF ELECTIONS

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FACTSHEET VOTER REGISTRATION

WHO IS QUALIFIED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

Pursuant to the *Constitution of the State of Hawaii*, Article II, Section 1, a voter registration applicant shall meet the following qualifications:

1. A citizen of the United States

Individuals born in Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands after November 1986 are considered U.S. citizens.

U.S. Nationals, such as individuals born in American Samoa are not normally qualified to vote (unless they are also natural born or a naturalized U.S. citizen).

2. A resident of the State of Hawaii

For voter registration and election purposes, a resident must maintain a residence in the State of Hawaii and intend to make Hawaii their permanent residence at the time of registration.

3. At least eighteen years of age

Be 18 years old by Election Day to vote.

The Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §11-12 allows an individual who is otherwise qualified to register and is at least sixteen years of age, to pre-register upon satisfactory proof of age and be automatically registered upon reaching age eighteen.

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (OHA) REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with the U.S. Supreme court ruling in <u>Rice v. Cayetano</u>, all registered voters are qualified to vote in OHA elections.

RE-REGISTRATION

Any registered voter, who changes residence from one precinct or county to another, shall notify the clerk and change the registration to the proper precinct or county by the appropriate registration deadline.

Re-registration is required for the following:

- 1. You legally change your name.
- 2. You moved since the last election and your residence is now in a different location in the State of Hawaii.
- 3. You changed your mailing address in the State of Hawaii since the last election.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

An "Affidavit on Application for Voter Registration" may be found in/at the following:

- City/County Clerk's Offices
- Public Libraries
- Office of Elections website: www.hawaii.gov/elections
- Satellite City Halls
- State agencies
- U. S. Post Offices
- Phone directories

The affidavit on Application for Voter Registration is a self-subscribing oath that contains the following information:

- 1. Name
- 2. Social security number
- 3. Date of birth
- 4. Residence, including mailing address
- 5. That the residence stated in the affidavit is not simply because of the person's presence in the State but that the residence was acquired with

the intent to make Hawaii the person's legal residence with all the accompanying obligations therein.

- 6. That the person is a citizen
- 7. The applicant shall then affix the applicant's signature to the affidavit.

2008 REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Primary Election: August 21, 2008 General Election: October 6, 2008

WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY COMPLETED AFFIDAVIT ON APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION?

Completed Affidavits on Application for Voter Registration shall be submitted to your City/County Clerk.

City and County of Honolulu 530 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Phone: 768-3800

County of Maui 200 South High Street, Rm. 708 Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Phone: 270-7749

County of Kauai 4386 Rice Street Lihue, Hawaii 96766 Phone: 241-4800

County of Hawaii 25 Aupuni Street, Rm. 105

Hilo, Hawaii 96720 Phone: 961-8277 Physical Address:

Hilo Ironworks Building 1266 Kamehameha Ave., A-1

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

PENALTIES

Pursuant to HRS §19-3.5, a person knowingly providing false information on a voter registration affidavit may be guilty of a Class C felony, punishable by up to five (5) years imprisonment and/or \$10,000 fine.

This Factsheet is intended for informational purposes only and should not be used as an authority on the Hawaii election law and deadlines. Requirements and/or deadlines may change pending changes in legislation. Consult the Hawaii Revised Statues and other sources for more detailed and accurate requirements.

Office of Elections 802 Lehua Avenue Pearl City, Hawaii 96782 Phone: 808-453-VOTE(8683) Neighbor Island Toll Free: 1-800-442-VOTE(8683) TTY: 808-453-6150 Neighbor Island Toll Free: 1-800-345-5915 Internet: www.hawaii.gov/elections

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