



GOV. MSG. NO. 1275

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 30, 2015

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

HB179 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO PERMANENT ABSENTEE  
BALLOTS  
**ACT 174 (15)**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Y. Ige".

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 15-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

3           "(e) When a registered voter requests an absentee ballot,  
4 the voter also may include an additional request to receive  
5 absentee ballots permanently. After receiving a request for  
6 permanent absentee voter status, the clerk shall mail to the  
7 voter who requested permanent absentee voter status an absentee  
8 ballot for all subsequent elections conducted in that precinct.  
9 The forwarding address for absentee ballots to be permanently  
10 mailed shall be the in-state mailing address contained in the  
11 voter's registration record. Voters who seek to have ballots  
12 forwarded to another address shall apply for an absentee ballot  
13 under subsection (a)."

14           SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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



APPROVED this 30 day of JUN , 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII