April 17, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

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

This is to inform you that on April 17, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

SB107 SD1 RELATING TO VOTING
ACT 010 (19)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTING.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§15- Eligibility of voter after absentee ballot cast. The absentee ballot of any voter who was eligible to vote at the time the ballot was cast shall not be deemed invalid solely because the voter became ineligible to vote after casting the ballot. For the purposes of this section, "cast" means that the voter has:

(1) Deposited the absentee ballot in the mail for ballots mailed in accordance with section 15-9(a)(1);

(2) Delivered the absentee ballot to the appropriate county clerk or polling place in accordance with section 15-9(a)(2) or (3); or

(3) Completed voting in person at an absentee polling place."
SECTION 2. Chapter 15D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§15D- Eligibility of covered voter after ballot cast.
The military-overseas ballot of any covered voter who was eligible to vote at the time the ballot was cast in accordance with this chapter shall not be deemed invalid solely because the covered voter became ineligible to vote after casting the ballot."

SECTION 3. Section 15-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§15-14 Ballots; where voting machines are used. In all precincts in which voting machines are used, sections 15-1 to [15-13] 15-12 shall apply provided that the number and type of absentee ballots to be printed shall be determined at the discretion of the officer charged with printing and furnishing them. The officer may use reasonable facsimiles of the sample ballot used in voting machine precincts."

SECTION 4. Section 15-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.
["§15-13—Death of voter prior to opening of polls.

Whenever sufficient proof is shown to the clerk that an absentee voter who has returned the voter's return envelope has died prior to the opening of the polls on the date of election, the voter's ballot shall be deemed invalid and disposed of pursuant to section 11-154. The casting of any such ballot shall not invalidate the election."

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 17 day of APR, 2019

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII
THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: March 5, 2019
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2019.

[Signature]
President of the Senate

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Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: March 29, 2019
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2019.

[Signature]
Speaker, House of Representatives

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Clerk, House of Representatives