



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2019

GOV. MSG. NO. 1239

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 June 25, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

HB168 SD1

RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC
TRANSMISSION OF BALLOTS
ACT 137 (19)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF BALLOTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 15-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
3 "(b) If absentee ballots requested under section 15-4 are
4 not received by a voter within five days of an election, if a
5 voter requires a replacement ballot within five days of an
6 election, or if a voter would otherwise not be able to return a
7 properly issued ballot by the close of polls, then a voter may
8 request that absentee ballots be forwarded by electronic
9 transmission[-]; provided that a voter with special needs,
10 including a disability, may request that a ballot be forwarded
11 by electronic transmission at any time. Upon receipt of such a
12 request and confirmation that proper application was made, the
13 clerk may transmit appropriate ballots, together with a form
14 requiring the affirmations and information required by section
15 15-6, and a form containing a waiver of the right to secrecy, as
16 provided by section 11-137. The voter may return the voted
17 ballots and executed forms by electronic transmission or mail;



1 provided that they are received by the issuing clerk no later
 2 than the close of polls on election day. Upon receipt, the
 3 clerk shall verify compliance with the requirements of section
 4 15-9(c) and prepare the ballots for counting pursuant to section
 5 15-10; provided that if the voter returns multiple voted
 6 absentee ballots for the same election, the clerk shall, for
 7 purposes of counting ballots, prepare only the first absentee
 8 ballot returned that is not spoiled."

9 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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APPROVED this 25 day of JUN, 2019



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 168, SD 1

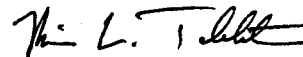
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 24, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

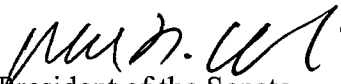


Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 1, 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.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate