

GOV. MSG. NO. 1171

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 24, 2021

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First 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 24, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

SB828 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO DIVORCE
ACT 069 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DIVORCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 580-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) Exclusive original jurisdiction in matters of
4 annulment [~~-, divorce-,~~] and separation, subject to section 603-37
5 as to change of venue, and subject also to appeal according to
6 law, is conferred upon the family court of the circuit in which
7 the applicant has been domiciled or has been physically present
8 for a continuous period of at least three months next preceding
9 the application therefor, except as provided in subsection (b).
10 [~~No absolute divorce from the bond of matrimony shall be granted~~
11 ~~for any cause unless either party to the marriage has been~~
12 ~~domiciled or has been physically present in the State for a~~
13 ~~continuous period of at least six months next preceding the~~
14 ~~application therefor,]~~

15 Exclusive original jurisdiction in matters of divorce,
16 subject to section 603-37 as to change of venue, and also
17 subject to appeal according to law, is conferred upon the family
18 court of the circuit in which the applicant is domiciled at the



1 time the application is filed, except as provided in
2 subsection (b).

3 A person who may be residing on any military or federal
4 base, installation, or reservation within the State or who may
5 be present in the State under military orders shall not thereby
6 be prohibited from meeting the requirements of this section.

7 The family court of each circuit shall have jurisdiction
8 over all proceedings relating to the annulment, divorce, and
9 separation of civil unions entered into in this State or unions
10 recognized as civil unions in this State in the same manner as
11 marriages."

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

APPROVED this 24 day of JUN, 2021





GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 828, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives