

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 514B-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended as follows: 3 By amending subsection (b) to read: 4 "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, 5 [except as provided in subsection (e),] or the declaration or 6 bylaws of a condominium to the contrary, at any association 7 meeting, the board may direct the use of an electronic voting 8 device to comply with subsection (e)(2), regardless of whether a 9 secret ballot is used or required. [Except as provided in 10 subsection (e), the] The use shall be subject to the following: 11 (1)The electronic voting device and all associated 12 equipment shall be isolated from any connection to an 13 external network, including the Internet; 14 (2) The board shall establish reasonable procedures to 15 provide for the secrecy and integrity of the unit 16 owners' votes, including [but not limited to]

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I		procedures that ensure the availability of a printed
2		audit trail containing:
3		(A) The reference number of the electronic voting
4		device;
5		(B) Each common interest voted; and
6		(C) The vote that was tabulated;
7	(3)	A copy of the printed audit trail shall be available
8		to owners after the meeting in the same manner
9		provided by sections 514B-154 and 514B-154.5; and
10	(4)	A copy of the procedures established pursuant to
11		paragraph (2) shall be available at no charge to any
12		owner and a copy shall be available at any meeting at
13		which the association uses an electronic voting
14		device.
15	[In	the event of] If any conflict arises between this
16	subsection	n and subsection (e), subsection (e) shall control."
17	2.	By amending subsection (e) to read:
18	"(e)	All association meetings shall be conducted in
19	accordanc	e with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of
20	Order New	ly Revised. Notwithstanding any provision to the
21	contrary	in the association's declaration or bylaws or in

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1	subsection	(b), [electronic meetings and electronic, machine, or
2	mail voti	g-shall be authorized:
3	(1)	Ouring any period in which a state of emergency or
4		Local state of emergency, declared pursuant to
5		chapter 127A, is in effect in the county in which the
6		condominium is located;
7	(2)	For any association meeting for which notice was given
8		while a state of emergency or local state of
9		emergency, declared pursuant to chapter 127A, was in
10		effect for the county in which the condominium is
11		located but is no longer in effect as of the date of
12		the meeting; provided that the meeting is held within
13		sixty days of the date the notice was first given; or
14	(3)	Whenever otherwise authorized in an association's
15		declaration or bylaws.]
16	members o	the association or proxies of members shall be
17	allowed to	vote by mail and participate in any association
18	meeting b	means of the internet, teleconference, or other
19	electroni	transmission technology in a manner that allows
20	members t	e opportunity to:

1	<u>(1)</u>	View and hear the proceedings substantially
2		concurrently with the occurrence of the proceedings;
3	(2)	Vote on matters submitted to members of the
4		association;
5	(3)	Pose questions; and
6	(4)	Make comments."
7	SECT	ION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
8	matured,	penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
9	begun bef	ore its effective date.
10	SECT	ION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.	
12	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.
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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires condominium associations to allow members or their proxies to vote by mail and attend and cast votes in association meetings through the internet, teleconference, or other electronic transmission technology. Ensures the provision of copies of printed audit trails.

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