

### GOV. MSG. NO. 1142

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR KE KIA'ĀINA

May 30, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate, and Members of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 The Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-Second 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 May 30, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2315 HD1 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. ACT 042

Sincerely,

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Josh Green, M.D. Governor, State of Hawaiʻi

on MAY 3 0 2024

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

# 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 to read as follows:
3	"§514B-121 Association meetings. (a) A meeting of the
4	association shall be held at least once each year.
5	[ <del>(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,</del>
6	except as provided in subsection (e), or the declaration or
<b>7</b> , 1	bylaws of a condominium to the contrary, at any association
8	meeting the board may direct the use of an electronic voting
9	device regardless of whether a secret ballot is used or
10	required. Except as provided in subsection (e), the use shall
11	be subject to the following:
12	(1) The electronic voting device and all associated
13	equipment shall be isolated from any connection to an
14	external network, including the Internet, or shall use
15	a form of encryption comparable to that used for
16	secured internet web browsers;

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1 (2) The board shall establish reasonable procedures to 2 provide for the secrecy and integrity of the unit 3 owners' votes, including but not limited to procedures 4 that ensure the availability of a printed audit trail 5 containing: 6 (A) The reference number or internet address of the 7 electronic voting device; 8 (B) Each common interest voted; and (C) The vote that was tabulated; 9 10 (3) A copy of the printed audit trail shall be available 11 to owners after the meeting in the same manner 12 provided by sections 514B-154 and 514B-154.5; and 13 (4) A copy of the procedures established pursuant to 14 paragraph (2) shall be available at no charge to any owner and a copy shall be available at any meeting at 15 16 which the association uses an electronic voting 17 device. 18 If any conflict arises between this subsection and 19 subsection (e), subsection (e) shall control.

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1	(b) All association meetings shall be conducted in
2	accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of
3	Order Newly Revised.
4	(c) Special meetings of the association may be called by
5	the president, a majority of the board, or by a petition to the
6	secretary or managing agent signed and dated by [ <del>not</del> ] <u>no</u> less
7	than twenty-five per cent of the unit owners as shown in the
8	association's record of ownership; provided that if the
9	secretary or managing agent fails to send out the notices for
10	the special meeting within fourteen days of receipt of the
11	petition, the petitioners shall have the authority to set the
12	time, date, and place for the special meeting and to send out
13	the notices and proxies for the special meeting at the
14	association's expense in accordance with the requirements of the
15	bylaws and of this part; provided further that a special meeting
16	based upon a petition to the secretary or managing agent shall
. 17	be set no later than sixty days from receipt of the petition.
18	The petition shall be valid only if submitted within one hundred
19	twenty days of the earliest signature.

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[Not] No less than fourteen days in advance of any 1 (d) 2 meeting, the secretary or other officer specified in the bylaws 3 shall cause notice to be: 4 (1)Hand-delivered; Sent prepaid by United States mail to the mailing 5 (2) address of each unit or to any other mailing address 6 designated in writing by the unit owner; or 7 8 (3) At the option of the unit owner, expressed in writing, by electronic mail to the electronic mailing address 9 10 designated in writing by the unit owner. The notice of any meeting [must] shall state the date, time, and 11 12 place of the meeting and the items on the agenda, including the general nature and rationale of any proposed amendment to the 13 declaration or bylaws, and any proposal to remove a member of 14 the board; provided that this subsection shall not preclude any 15 unit owner from proposing an amendment to the declaration or 16 17 bylaws or to remove a member of the board at any annual 18 association meeting. 19 [ (e) All association meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of 20 21 Order Newly Revised.]

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1 (e) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the 2 association's declaration or bylaws [or in subsection (b)], 3 electronic meetings [and electronic, machine, or], electronic voting, and mail voting may be authorized by the board in its 4 sole discretion: 5 6 During any period in which a state of emergency or (1)7 local state of emergency, declared pursuant to chapter 8 127A, is in effect in the county in which the 9 condominium is located; For any association meeting for which notice was given 10 (2)while a state of emergency or local state of 11 12 emergency, declared pursuant to chapter 127A, was in 13 effect for the county in which the condominium is 14 located but is no longer in effect as of the date of 15 the meeting; provided that the meeting is held within 16 sixty days of the date the notice was first given; 17 [(3) For any electronic, machine, or mail voting for which 18 notice of voting has been sent; provided that the 19 electronic, machine, or mail voting deadline is within 20 sixty days of the date the notice was first sent; 21 (4) Whenever approved in advance by:]

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1 (3) When approved by adoption of a special meeting rule at 2 an association meeting that permits the board to 3 authorize electronic meetings, electronic voting, and 4 mail voting; 5 (4) When approved no less than three months and no more 6 than eighteen months before the electronic meeting, electronic voting, and mail voting by: 7 8 (A) Written consent of a majority of unit owners; or 9 (B) Majority vote at an association meeting; or 10 (5) Whenever otherwise authorized in an association's 11 declaration or bylaws. 12 For any electronic meetings, electronic voting, and mail 13 voting, the voting deadline shall be within sixty days of the 14 date the notice was first sent. The association shall implement reasonable measures to verify that each person permitted to vote 15 16 is a member of the association or proxy of a member. 17 As used in this subsection, "mail voting" includes sending 18 or receiving written ballots via mail, courier, or electronic 19 transmission; provided that the transmission is a complete 20 reproduction of the original.

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1	(f) All association meetings, except those where all
2	persons attend by electronic means, shall be held at the address
3	of the condominium or elsewhere within the State as determined
4	by the board; provided that in the event of a natural disaster,
5	[ <del>such as a hurricane,</del> ] an association meeting may be held
6	outside the State."
7	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
9	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

APPROVED this 30th day of May , 2024

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### GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



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#### THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.

Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

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Brian L. Takeshita Chief Clerk House of Representatives

#### THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate

of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.

President of the Senate

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Clerk of the Senate