



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1106**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA

April 10, 2025

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

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

This is to inform you that on April 10, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

HB408

**RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.  
ACT 006**

Sincerely,

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Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) Any qualified person unable for any cause to appear  
4 in person before the clerk for registration may register to vote  
5 by mail, not later than ~~[thirty]~~ ten days prior to a primary or  
6 general election, through the affidavit on application for voter  
7 registration or other form prescribed by the chief election  
8 officer. The form shall include a self-subscribing oath for the  
9 applicant to swear to the truth of the allegations in the  
10 application. An applicant unable to write for reason of  
11 illiteracy, blindness, or other physical disability shall have  
12 the applicant's mark witnessed by a person who shall sign the  
13 affidavit in the space provided. ~~[Each application form shall  
14 also include a space to request a permanent absentee ballot.]~~  
15 Application forms shall be made available to any qualified  
16 person through community groups, political parties, and other  
17 groups prescribed by the chief election officer. Application



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1 forms shall be made available to any qualified person at the  
 2 time of that person's driver's license application or renewal  
 3 through the examiner of drivers."

4 SECTION 2. Section 15D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

6 "(b) A covered voter may use the declaration accompanying  
 7 a federal write-in absentee ballot to apply to register to vote  
 8 simultaneously with the submission of the federal write-in  
 9 absentee ballot, if it is received no later than [~~thirty~~] ten  
 10 days prior to the election pursuant to section 11-16."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

*Nathan K. Rubin*

By Request

JAN 16 2025



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APPROVED this 10th day of April, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: February 28, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: MAR 27 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate



Carol T. Taniguchi  
Clerk of the Senate