
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§17-1 United States senator.** When a vacancy occurs in
4 the office of United States senator the vacancy shall be filled
5 for the unexpired term at the following state general election[~~7~~
6 ~~provided that~~] if the vacancy occurs not later than 4:30 p.m. on
7 the sixtieth day prior to the primary for nominating candidates
8 to be voted for at the election[~~7; otherwise~~]. Otherwise the
9 vacancy shall be filled at the state general election next
10 following. The chief election officer shall issue a
11 proclamation designating the election for filling the vacancy.
12 Upon a vacancy occurring, the governor shall immediately notify
13 in writing the chair of the political party that the previous
14 incumbent represented at the time of election or appointment, if
15 not elected to office. Pending the election [~~the governor~~], the
16 chair of the political party that the previous incumbent
17 represented shall call a meeting of the state central committee
18 of the party, which shall be held not later than twenty days

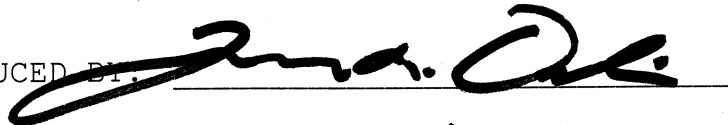


1 after the vacancy occurs. At the meeting, the state central
 2 committee shall select and the chair shall submit to the
 3 governor the names of not less than three persons qualified to
 4 fill the vacancy. Within five days after receiving the list of
 5 names of the nominees from the chair of the appropriate
 6 political party, the governor shall make a temporary appointment
 7 of one of the nominees to fill the vacancy [and the]. The
 8 person so appointed shall serve until the election and
 9 qualification of the person duly elected to fill the vacancy
 10 [~~and shall be a registered member of the same political party as~~
 11 ~~the senator causing the vacancy]~~. All candidates for the
 12 unexpired term shall be nominated and elected in accordance with
 13 this title."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

U.S. Senator; Interim Appointment; Vacancy

Description:

Requires that, after receiving notice of a U.S. Senate vacancy from the governor, the chair of the previous incumbent's political party shall convene a meeting of the party's central committee to select qualified nominees to fill the vacancy; requires the governor to fill the vacancy by appointing an individual from the list of nominees.

