
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REAPPORTIONMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 25-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Legislative reapportionment. The commission shall
4 reapportion the members of each house of the legislature on the
5 basis, method, and criteria prescribed by the Constitution of
6 the United States and article IV of the Hawaii Constitution[-];
7 provided that the commission shall apportion the house of
8 representatives among multi-member districts of not more than
9 three members that conform to the boundaries of senate
10 districts, where practicable. Pursuant thereto, the commission
11 shall conduct public hearings and consult with the apportionment
12 advisory council of each basic island unit. Not more than one
13 hundred days from the date on which all members are certified,
14 the commission shall cause to be given in each basic island
15 unit, public notice of a legislative reapportionment plan
16 prepared and proposed by the commission. At least one public
17 hearing on the proposed reapportionment plan shall be held in



1 each basic island unit after initial public notice of the plan.
2 At least twenty days' notice shall be given of the public
3 hearing. The notice shall include a statement of the substance
4 of the proposed reapportionment plan, and of the date, time, and
5 place where interested persons may be heard thereon. The notice
6 shall be given at least once in the basic island unit where the
7 hearing will be held. All interested persons shall be afforded
8 an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in
9 writing, for consideration by the commission. After the last of
10 the public hearings, but in no event later than one hundred
11 fifty days from the date on which all members of the commission
12 are certified, the commission shall determine whether or not the
13 plan is in need of correction or modification, make the
14 correction or modification, if any, and file with the chief
15 election officer, a final legislative reapportionment plan.
16 Within fourteen days after the filing of the final
17 reapportionment plan, the chief election officer shall cause
18 public notice to be given of the final legislative
19 reapportionment plan which, upon public notice, shall become
20 effective as of the date of filing and govern the election of
21 members of the next five succeeding legislatures."




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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Reapportionment Commission; Multi-Member House Districts

Description:

Requires the commission to apportion multi-member house districts of not more than three members that conform to the boundaries of the senate districts, where practicable.

