THE SENATE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007 STATE OF HAWAII S.B. NO. 1635

JAN 2 4 2007

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GRAND JURIES.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Section 612-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended b	y amending subsection (e) to read as follows:
3	"(e)	[For the courts of the first circuit of the State
4	from Janu	ary 1, 1989, to December 31, 1991, and for the courts
5	of all ot	her circuits of the State from January 1, 1990, to
6	December-	31, 1992, a grand jury shall serve for a period of six
7	months af	ter being impaneled; provided that a grand jury may:
8	(1)	Sit beyond such period to complete any matter in which
9		the grand jury was impaneled;
10	(2)	Be discharged sooner by the court; and
11	(3)	Sit in all other cases until another grand jury is
12		impaneled and sworn.] Effective January 2, 1992, for
13		the courts of the first circuit of the State of
14		Hawaii, and effective January 2, 1993, for the courts
15		of all other circuits of the State subject to section
16		612-22, a grand jury shall serve for a period of one
17		year after being impaneled, unless sooner discharged



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1	by the court. Effective January 2, 2008, for the		
2	courts of all circuits of the State subject to section		
3	612-22, a grand jury shall serve for a period of six		
4	months after being impaneled, unless sooner discharged		
5	by the court.		
6	Any vacancy occurring on a grand jury may be filled by the		
7	court by drawing at random from names on the certified list of		
8	grand jurors."		
9	SECTION 2. Section 612-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
10	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:		
11	"(a) Grand jury counsel shall serve for a term of [one		
12	year] six months following appointment."		
13	SECTION 2. Section 612-57, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
14	amended to read as follows:		
15	"§612-57 Grand jury counsel; duties. The grand jury		
16	counsel shall serve[, upon request of the grand-jury,] as		
17	independent legal counsel to the grand jury[, to be at the call		
18	of the grand jury] during its proceedings [in obtaining		
19	appropriate advice] on matters of law after the grand jury has		
20	been sworn and charged by the court under section 612-16(d) and		
21	during the court's absence. The grand jury counsel [may] shall		
22	be present during grand jury proceedings[, and if not present in		
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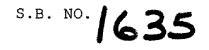
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1	the building shall be in the immediate vicinity to the building
2	in which the grand jury meets, so that counsel will be readily
3	available to the grand jury, but shall not participate in the
4	questioning of the witnesses or the prosecution. The grand jury
5	counsel's function shall be only to receive inquiries on matters
6	of law sought by the grand jury, conduct legal research, and
7	provide appropriate answers of law.] to advise the grand jury
8	whenever the grand jury counsel determines it to be
9	appropriate."
10	SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
11	matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
12	begun, before its effective date.
13	SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
15	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 2, 2008.
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Report Title:

Grand Jury Counsel

Description:

Shortens the period grand juries and grand jury counsel must serve from 1 year to 6 months. Requires grand jury counsel to be present at grand jury proceedings. Requires grand jury counsel to advise the grand jury whenever the counsel determines it to be appropriate.

