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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to maintain the
2 process of impeachment of appointed or elected officers of each
3 county, by expanding the jurisdiction of the circuit courts to
4 include impeachment proceedings against county officers.

5 SECTION 2. Section 603-21.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

7 "(a) The several circuit courts shall have jurisdiction,
8 except as otherwise expressly provided by statute, of:

9 (1) Criminal offenses cognizable under the laws of the
10 State, committed within their respective circuits or
11 transferred to them for trial by change of venue from
12 some other circuit court;

13 (2) Actions for penalties and forfeitures incurred under
14 the laws of the State;

15 (3) Civil actions and proceedings, in addition to those
16 listed in sections 603-21.6, 603-21.7, and 603-
17 21.8[+]; and



1 (4) Actions for impeachment of county officers that are
2 subject to impeachment."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

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Report Title:

Circuit Courts; Jurisdiction

Description:

Expands the jurisdiction of the circuit courts to include impeachment proceedings against county officers.

