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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE 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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**Report Title:**

Reapportionment Commission; Multi-Member House Districts

**Description:**

Requires apportioning of the house of representatives among multi-member house districts of not more than three members that conform, where practicable, to the senate district boundaries.

