
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT A CHARTER
AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR FILING A VACANT
OFFICE.

1 WHEREAS, the Revised Charter of Honolulu prescribes the
2 manner in which a vacancy in the office of any councilmember
3 shall be filled; and
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5 WHEREAS, section 3-105, Revised Charter of Honolulu,
6 provides that where the unexpired term of the vacant office is
7 one year or more, the vacancy shall be filled by special
8 election to be called by the Council within ten days and to be
9 held within sixty days after the occurrence of the vacancy; and
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11 WHEREAS, special elections often arise suddenly; and
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13 WHEREAS, an extension of the period of time in which
14 candidates must file in a special election would allow
15 prospective candidates to better prepare and commit to the
16 election to the vacant office; and
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18 WHEREAS, an extension of time would also benefit voters by
19 allowing for a more thorough process that could attract more
20 qualified candidates than those who are ready to run for
21 election at the spur of the moment; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2009, that the Honolulu City Council is requested to support
26 a charter amendment to extend the period of time for holding a
27 special election to fill a vacant office from sixty to ninety
28 days, and to allow candidates a minimum of twenty-one days to
29 file nomination papers; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
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1 Resolution be transmitted to the members of the Honolulu City
2 Council and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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