

JAN 23 2009

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VACANCIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3 "**§17-1 United States senator.** When a vacancy occurs in
4 the office of United States senator, the vacancy shall be filled
5 for the unexpired term at the following state general election;
6 provided that the vacancy occurs not later than 4:30 p.m. on the
7 sixtieth day prior to the primary for nominating candidates to
8 be voted for at the election; otherwise at the state general
9 election next following. The chief election officer shall issue
10 a proclamation designating the election for filling the vacancy.
11 Pending the election, the governor shall make a temporary
12 appointment to fill the vacancy by selecting a person from a
13 list of [~~three~~] five prospective appointees submitted by the
14 same political party as the prior incumbent. The appointee
15 shall serve until the election and qualification of the person
16 duly elected to fill the vacancy and shall be, at the time of
17 appointment, and shall have been, for at least six months



1 immediately prior to the appointment, a member of the same
2 political party as the prior incumbent. The appointee shall be
3 a resident of the State. If the prior incumbent was not a
4 member of any political party, the governor shall appoint a
5 person who is not and has not been, for at least six months
6 immediately prior to the appointment, a member of any political
7 party. All candidates for the unexpired term shall be nominated
8 and elected in accordance with this title."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

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Report Title:

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Description:

Increases from 3 to 5 the number of prospective appointees from which the governor is to make a temporary appointment in the event of a vacancy in the office of United States Senator.

