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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 180-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "**§180-12 Appointment, election, qualifications, and tenure**  
4 **of directors.** The terms of office of the two district directors  
5 appointed pursuant to section 180-7 shall be three years, except  
6 that those first appointed shall be for one and two years,  
7 respectively. The terms of the three elected directors shall be  
8 three years. Unexpired terms shall be filled by a majority vote  
9 of the district's remaining directors. Successors to full terms  
10 shall be appointed or elected, as originally selected. The  
11 directors shall either live or work in the districts they  
12 represent[-] or shall have previously served at least one full  
13 term as a director in the district. The districts shall conduct  
14 their own elections and submit the results to the department for  
15 certification. Land occupiers representing individual farms,  
16 ranches, or plantations are eligible to have one vote for each  
17 one hundred acres or less lying within a district. Each acreage



1 can be accounted for only once, with priority voting in order of  
2 land occupier, and land owner, respectively; provided that to be  
3 eligible to vote, a land occupier shall first provide the  
4 district with its name, address, and information clearly  
5 identifying the acreage. The directors shall designate a  
6 chairperson and may, from time to time, change the designation.  
7 A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum and the  
8 concurrence of a majority upon any official matter shall be  
9 necessary. Directors shall receive no compensation for their  
10 services, but shall be entitled to necessary expenses. They may  
11 employ and fix the compensation of such officers and employees  
12 as they may require, and shall provide for surety bonds for  
13 employees or officers who are entrusted with funds. Directors  
14 shall keep a record of proceedings, resolutions, rules, and  
15 orders issued or adopted, and accounts of receipts and  
16 disbursements, and shall furnish to the department copies of  
17 such documents, instruments, or information concerning their  
18 activities as the department may request."

19 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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**Report Title:**

Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Directors

**Description:**

Allows an individual who has previously served as a director of a soil and water conservation district to continue to serve as a director even if the individual no longer lives or works in the district.

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