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## 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]~~ fifteenth working day prior to the ~~[primary for~~  
8 ~~nominating candidates to be voted for at the election,]~~ date  
9 specified in section 12-6 for the close of filing nomination  
10 papers for regularly scheduled elections; otherwise at the state  
11 general election next following. The chief election officer  
12 shall issue a proclamation designating the election for filling  
13 the vacancy. All candidates for the unexpired term shall file  
14 nomination papers not later than the date and time specified in  
15 section 12-6 and shall be nominated and elected in accordance  
16 with this title. Pending the election, the governor shall make  
17 a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy by selecting a



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1 person from a list of three prospective appointees submitted by  
 2 the same political party as the prior incumbent. The appointee  
 3 shall serve until the election and qualification of the person  
 4 duly elected to fill the vacancy and shall be, at the time of  
 5 appointment, and shall have been, for at least six months  
 6 immediately prior to the appointment, a member of the same  
 7 political party as the prior incumbent. The appointee shall be  
 8 a resident of the State. If the prior incumbent was not a  
 9 member of any political party, the governor shall appoint a  
 10 person who is not and has not been, for at least six months  
 11 immediately prior to the appointment, a member of any political  
 12 party. [~~All candidates for the unexpired term shall be~~  
 13 ~~nominated and elected in accordance with this title.] "~~

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Office of Elections Package; Elections; Vacancies; Nominations

**Description:**

Amends procedures for nominating and electing a U.S. senator to complete an unexpired term after a vacancy occurs.

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