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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER.

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

1      SECTION 1.  Section 11-1.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

2    amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3      "(c)  The chief election officer shall serve for a term of

4    [four] two years.  The term shall begin on February 1 following

5    the appointment."

6      SECTION 2.  Section 11-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

7    amended to read as follows:

8    "[[]§11-7.5[]]  **Duties of the elections commission.**  The

9    duties of the elections commission are to:

10      (1)  Hold public hearings;

11      (2)  Investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence

12          of any violations and complaints;

13      (3)  Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91;

14      (4)  Employ, without regard to chapter 76, a full-time

15          chief election officer, pursuant to section 11-1.6;

16          [and]

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1    (5)    Conduct a performance evaluation of the chief election

2    officer within two months after certifying the last

3    election;

4    (6)    Conduct a public hearing on the the performance

5    evaluation of the chief election officer before the

6    appointment or reappointment of the chief election
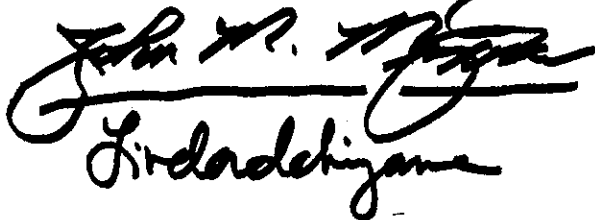
7    officer; and

8    [(5)] (7)    Advise the chief election officer on matters
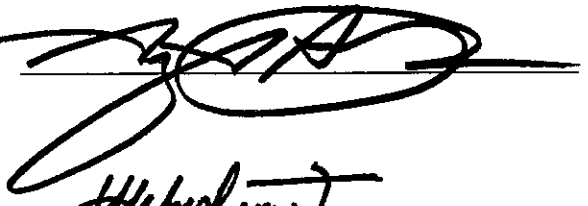
9    relating to elections."

10    SECTION 3.    Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

11    and stricken.    New statutory material is underscored.

12    SECTION 4.    This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**
Chief Election Officer; Elections Commission; Evaluation; Term Length

**Description:**
Changes the term of the chief election officer to 2 years. Requires the elections commission to conduct a performance evaluation of the chief election officer within 2 months of certifying election results, and hold a public hearing relating to the performance evaluation.

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