
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION.

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 (g) to read as follows:

3 "(g) The chief election officer [~~may be removed by the~~
4 ~~elections commission at any time for good cause.~~] is an at-will
5 employee. The elections commission shall provide written
6 notification of any removal and state the reason for the
7 removal."

8 SECTION 2. Section 11-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "~~{}~~§11-7.5~~{}~~ **Duties of the elections commission.** The
11 duties of the elections commission are to:

- 12 (1) Hold public hearings;
- 13 (2) Investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence
14 of any violations and complaints;
- 15 (3) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91;



1 (4) Employ, without regard to chapter 76, a full-time
2 chief election officer, pursuant to section 11-1.6;
3 [and]

4 (5) Conduct a performance evaluation of the chief election
5 officer within two months after the date a general
6 election is certified. The performance evaluation
7 shall include any primary, general, or special
8 elections;

9 (6) Hold a public hearing on the performance of the chief
10 election officer and consider the information gathered
11 at the hearing in deliberations on the chief election
12 officer's reappointment; and

13 [~~5~~] (7) Advise the chief election officer on matters
14 relating to elections."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Chief Election Officer; Elections Commission; Evaluation

Description:

Specifies that the Chief Election Officer is an at-will employee. Requires Elections Commission to provide notice and reason for removal of a Chief Election Officer. Requires a performance evaluation of the Chief Election Officer after a State general election. Requires a public hearing on the Chief Election Officer's performance for purposes of considering reappointment. (SB622 HD1)

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