
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 78-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
3 "(b) All appointive officers in the service of the
4 government of the State or any county who are employed as
5 department heads and deputies or assistants to a department head
6 shall be citizens of the United States [~~and residents of the~~
7 ~~State for at least one year immediately preceding their~~
8 ~~appointment; provided that the foregoing one year residency~~
9 ~~requirement may be waived by the appointing authority when the~~
10 ~~appointive officer is required to have highly specialized or~~
11 ~~scientific knowledge and training and a qualified applicant who~~
12 ~~is a resident for at least one year is not available to fill the~~
13 ~~position]~~. All others appointed in the service of the
14 government of the State or in the service of any county or
15 municipal subdivision of the State shall be citizens, nationals,
16 or permanent resident aliens of the United States and residents
17 of the State at the time of their appointment. A national or



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1 permanent resident alien appointee shall not be eligible for
2 continued employment unless such person diligently seeks
3 citizenship upon becoming eligible to apply for United States
4 citizenship."

5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken.

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

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Report Title:

Appointed Officers; Residency Requirement

Description:

Removes the 1-year residency requirement for appointment to a State or county department head or deputy or assistant department head position.

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