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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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 on July 1, 2050.

H.B. NO. 1534 H.D. 1

Report Title:

Appointed Officers; Residency Requirement

Description:

Removes the one-year residency requirement for all appointed officers who are department heads and deputies or assistants to a department head. (HB1534 HD1)

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