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S. B. NO. 194

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 26-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 26-11 University of Hawaii. The university of Hawaii shall be headed by an executive board to be known as the board of regents. The board of regents shall appoint and may remove an executive officer to be known as the president of the University of Hawaii.

The board shall consist of eleven members. No more than six of the members shall be members of the same political party and at least part of the membership of the board shall represent geographic subdivisions of the State.

The board shall have power, in accordance with the Constitution of the State and with law, to formulate policy, and to exercise control over the university through its executive officer, the president of the university.

The university of Hawaii as heretofore constituted as a body corporate is continued as the university of Hawaii established by this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 304-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 304-3 Regents; appointments; tenure; qualifications; meetings. The affairs of the university shall be under the general management and control of the board of regents consisting of eleven members who shall be appointed and may be removed by the governor. Except as otherwise provided by statute, state officers shall be eligible to appointment and membership. Every member may serve beyond the expiration date of his term of appointment until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. The board shall at its first meeting after June 30, elect a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary (who shall not be a member of the board), who shall serve until adjournment of its first meeting after June 30 of the next year or thereafter until their successors are appointed and have qualified and whose election shall be immediately certified by the board to the lieutenant governor. The president of the university shall act as executive officer of the board. The board shall meet not less often than ten times annually, and may from time to time meet in each of the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai.

The members of the board shall serve without pay but shall be entitled to their traveling expenses within the State when attending meetings of the board or when actually engaged in business relating to the work of the board.”

SECTION 3. Section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 26-34 Selection and terms of members of boards and commissions.

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The members of each board and commission established by law shall be nominated and, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appointed by the governor. Unless otherwise provided by this chapter or by law hereafter enacted, the terms of such members shall be for four years; provided, that the governor may reduce the terms of those initially appointed so as to provide, as nearly as can be, for the expiration of an equal number of terms at intervals of each year for each board and commission; and provided further that the terms of two of the members of the board of regents of the university of Hawaii shall be for two years. Each term shall commence on January 1 and expire on December 31. After November 25, 1959, no person shall be appointed consecutively to more than two terms as a member of the same board or commission; provided, that membership on any board or commission shall not exceed eight consecutive years.

A vacancy occurring in the membership of any board or commission during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term thereof, subject to article IV, section 6 of the Constitution of the State.

The governor may remove or suspend for cause any member of any board or commission after due notice and public hearing.

Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, this section shall apply to every board and commission established by part I, or existing or established after November 25, 1959. The term of each member of any board or commission existing on November 25, 1959, shall terminate on December 31, 1959. All new appointments to such board or commission shall thereafter be made in accordance with this section.

This section shall not apply to ex officio members of boards and commissions or to the board of trustees of the employees retirement system.”

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes may exclude the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 28, 1971.)

* Edited accordingly.