

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Establishment of a Board on Geographic Names.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

**SECTION 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to create a State Board on Geographic Names to assure uniformity in the use and spelling of the names of geographic features within the State.

**SECTION 2.** The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read:

## “CHAPTER STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

**Sec. -1 State board on geographic names.** There shall be in the department of land and natural resources a State board on geographic names, consisting of the following persons or their representatives: the chairman of the board of land and natural resources, the chairman of the Hawaiian homes commission, the director of the department of planning and economic development, the president of the University of Hawaii, the State land surveyor, and the director of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum. The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

The provisions of section 26-34 shall not be applicable to this board.

**Sec. -2 Chairman, secretary.** The representative from the department of land and natural resources shall serve as secretary of the board and as custodian of its official records. The board shall select one of its members as chairman of the board to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is selected.

**Sec. -3 Responsibilities of the board.** (a) The board shall designate the official names and spellings of geographic features in Hawaii and provide for circulation thereof to the appropriate State and other agencies. In its deliberations, the board shall solicit and consider the advice and recommendations of the appropriate county government officials, and, should the board desire, other knowledgeable persons.

(b) The department of land and natural resources shall publish an annual list of its decisions, together with information regarding location, the origin and meaning of names, and alternate names and spellings for the features named, which list together with the pertinent information shall be sent to the board of geographic names of the United States.

(c) The departments of the State shall use or cause to be used on all maps and documents prepared by or for them the names and spellings approved by the board on geographic names; provided, that such names or spellings shall not be contrary to legally established names or spellings.”

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

(Approved May 25, 1974.)