

A Bill for an Act Relating to Venue.

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

SECTION 1. Section 604-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) Except as otherwise provided, civil actions shall be brought in the district court of the judicial circuit in which the defendant or a majority of the defendants reside or the claim for relief arose[~~; unless there are parties whose presence is required for adjudication of the claim who cannot be served in that circuit, in which case the action may be brought in the district court of any circuit in which all of the parties can be served~~]. The venue may be changed or the case transferred as provided by sections 604-7.3 and 604-7.4.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2002.

(Approved April 5, 2002.)