

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Increasing Stipends for Volunteer Precinct Officials.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that precinct officials have not been given stipend increases for over sixteen years. This fact, along with the dwindling number of names submitted by political parties, has adversely affected the recruitment of precinct officials. As a result, polling sites often operate with less than one hundred per cent staffing, thereby lowering the level of service to voters.

The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to allow the chief election officer to increase precinct official stipends.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$96,542 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to increase precinct official stipends.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of elections through the department of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

(Approved June 20, 2006.)