

ACT 46

S.B. NO. 283

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201B-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

“(b) The authority shall be headed by a policy-making board of directors that shall consist of twelve members; provided that:

- (1) The members shall be appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34, except as ~~[otherwise]~~ provided by ~~[law;]~~ this section;
- (2) The members shall include at least one representative each from the city and county of Honolulu and the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui~~[- the remaining members shall be appointed at large]~~;
- (3) Three members shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted for each appointment by the president of the senate, and three members shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted for each appointment by the speaker of the house of representatives; provided that if fewer than three names are submitted for each appointment, the governor may disregard the list;
- (4) At least six members shall have knowledge, experience, and expertise in the area of ~~[visitor industry management, marketing, promotion,]~~ accommodations, transportation, retail, entertainment, or ~~[visitor]~~ attractions, and at least one member appointed by the governor shall have knowledge, experience, and expertise in the area of Hawaiian cultural practices; provided that no more than three

members shall represent, be employed by, or be under contract to any sector of the industry represented on the board;

- (5) The governor shall make appointments to ensure the fulfillment of all requirements[;] of paragraphs (2) and (4); provided that ~~[any appointments made after July 1, 2002, shall be made to fulfill the requirements in place when the appointments are made; and]~~ upon the occurrence of a vacancy subject to paragraph (3), the governor shall notify the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives of any unfulfilled requirements pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (4), and the president of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives, as appropriate, shall submit nominees who fulfill those requirements; and

- (6) No person who has served as a member of the board of directors of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau shall be eligible to sit as a member of the board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority until at least two years have expired between the person's termination from service on the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau board and the person's appointment to the authority's board of directors.

- (c) Members shall be appointed by the governor for terms of four years[- Each]; provided that membership on the board shall not exceed eight consecutive years; provided further that each member shall hold office until the member's successor is appointed and qualified. [Section 26-34 shall be applicable insofar as it relates to the number of terms and consecutive number of years a member may serve on the board.]

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that any appointments made to the board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority after July 1, 2015, shall be made in accordance with the qualifications under section 201B-2(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended by this Act.

(Approved May 6, 2015.)