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:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that precinct officials
- 2 have not been given stipend increases since before 1990. This,
- 3 along with the dwindling number of names submitted by political
- 4 parties, has adversely affected the recruitment of precinct
- 5 officials. As a result, polling sites often operate with less
- 6 than one hundred per cent staffing, thereby affecting service to
- 7 voters.
- 8 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to
- 9 allow the chief election officer to adopt the necessary rules to
- 10 increase precinct official stipends.
- 11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$96,542, or so much
- 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
- 14 increasing precinct official stipends.
- 15 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
- 16 office of elections through the department of accounting and
- 17 general services for the purposes of this Act.

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Elections; Precinct Official; Appropriation

Description:

Makes an appropriation to increase stipend for volunteer precinct officials.