A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTION OFFENSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 19-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§19-4 Penalties; disqualification for, removal from

4 office; reports of convictions to chief election officer. Every

5 person found guilty of an election fraud shall be fined not less

6 than [\$100] \$1,000 nor more than [\$1,000] \$5,000, or imprisoned

7 at hard labor not more than two years, or both. Besides the

8 punishment, the person shall be disqualified from voting and

9 from being elected to, holding or occupying any office, elective

10 or appointive. If the person so convicted holds any office,

11 either elective or appointive, at the time of the conviction,

12 the office shall at once and without mention in the sentence or

13 other proceeding be vacated by the conviction. The judge before

14 whom the conviction is had shall immediately transmit to the

15 chief election officer and to the respective county clerks the

16 name of the person, the offense of which the person has been

17 convicted and the sentence of the court."

1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Election Fraud; Increased Penalties

Description:

Increases the financial penalties levied against those who are found guilty of an election fraud.