## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHAPTER 580, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 580-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended to read as follows:

3 "\$580-1 Jurisdiction; hearing. Exclusive original 4 jurisdiction in matters of annulment, divorce, and separation, 5 subject to section 603-37 as to change of venue, and subject 6 also to appeal according to law, is conferred upon the family 7 court of the circuit in which the applicant has been domiciled 8 or has been physically present for a continuous period of at 9 least three months next preceding the application therefor. No 10 absolute divorce from the bond of matrimony shall be granted for any cause unless either party to the marriage has been domiciled 11 12 or has been physically present in the [State] state for a 13 continuous period of at least six months next preceding the 14 application therefor. A person who may be residing on any military or federal base, installation, or reservation within 15

the [State] state or who may be present in the [State] state

17 under military orders shall not thereby be prohibited from

18 meeting the requirements of this section.

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- In matters of exclusive jurisdiction conferred upon a
- 2 family court pursuant to this section, in a circuit with a
- 3 population greater than five hundred thousand, proceedings shall
- 4 be held at the Kapolei judiciary complex, upon its completion
- 5 and readiness for operation, unless all parties agree to hold
- 6 proceedings at 777 Punchbowl street."
- 7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

## Report Title:

Annulment, Divorce, and Separation Proceedings

## Description:

Requires annulment, divorce, and separation proceedings to be held at the Kapolei Judiciary Complex, unless all parties agree to hold proceedings at 777 Punchbowl Street. (HB3321 HD1)