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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-1.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

3           "**§11-1.6 Appointment of the chief election officer;**  
4 **requirements; term; restrictions; salary; reappointment;**

5 **removal.** (a) The chief election officer shall be appointed by  
6 the elections commission, without regard to chapter 76. The  
7 appointment shall not be subject to the advice and consent of  
8 the senate. In the event of a vacancy, the elections commission  
9 shall meet expeditiously to select and appoint a new chief  
10 election officer to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

11           (b) The person appointed to be chief election officer  
12 shall be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the  
13 State, and a registered voter of the State.

14           (c) The chief election officer shall serve for a term of  
15 four years. The term shall begin on February 1 following the  
16 appointment.

17           (d) The chief election officer shall devote full time to  
18 the duties of the office and shall hold no other public office



1 during the individual's term of office. Except for exercising  
2 the right to vote, the individual shall not support, advocate,  
3 or aid in the election or defeat of any candidate for public  
4 office. The chief election officer shall refrain from financial  
5 and business dealings that tend to reflect adversely on the  
6 individual's impartiality, interfere with the proper performance  
7 of election duties, or exploit the individual's position.

8 Subject to the requirements above, the individual may hold and  
9 manage investments, including real estate, and engage in other  
10 remunerative activity, but shall not serve as an officer,  
11 director, manager, advisor, or employee of any business.

12 (e) The chief election officer shall be paid a salary not  
13 to exceed eighty-seven per cent of the salary of the director of  
14 human resources development.

15 (f) The chief election officer may petition the elections  
16 commission for reappointment. The elections commission may  
17 reappoint an incumbent chief election officer based on the  
18 performance of the chief election officer. The elections  
19 commission may authorize the chief election officer to hold  
20 office until a successor is appointed.

21 (g) The chief election officer may be removed by the  
22 elections commission at any time for [good] cause."



1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Elections

**Description:**

Allows chief election officer to be removed by the elections commission for cause.

