## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 180-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "\$180-12 Appointment, election, qualifications, and tenure
- 4 of directors. The terms of office of the two district directors
- 5 appointed pursuant to section 180-7 shall be three years, except
- 6 that those first appointed shall be for one and two years,
- 7 respectively. The terms of the three elected directors shall be
- 8 three years. Unexpired terms shall be filled by a majority vote
- 9 of the district's remaining directors. Successors to full terms
- 10 shall be appointed or elected, as originally selected. The
- 11 directors shall either live or work in the districts they
- 12 represent [-] or shall have previously served at least one full
- 13 term as a director in the district. The districts shall conduct
- 14 their own elections and submit the results to the department for
- 15 certification. Land occupiers representing individual farms,
- 16 ranches, or plantations are eligible to have one vote for each
- 17 one hundred acres or less lying within a district. Each acreage



- 1 can be accounted for only once, with priority voting in order of
- 2 land occupier, and land owner, respectively; provided that to be
- 3 eligible to vote, a land occupier shall first provide the
- 4 district with its name, address, and information clearly
- 5 identifying the acreage. The directors shall designate a
- 6 chairperson and may, from time to time, change the designation.
- 7 A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum and the
- 8 concurrence of a majority upon any official matter shall be
- 9 necessary. Directors shall receive no compensation for their
- 10 services, but shall be entitled to necessary expenses. They may
- 11 employ and fix the compensation of such officers and employees
- 12 as they may require, and shall provide for surety bonds for
- 13 employees or officers who are entrusted with funds. Directors
- 14 shall keep a record of proceedings, resolutions, rules, and
- 15 orders issued or adopted, and accounts of receipts and
- 16 disbursements, and shall furnish to the department copies of
- 17 such documents, instruments, or information concerning their
- 18 activities as the department may request."
- 19 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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## Report Title:

Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Directors

## Description:

Allows an individual who has previously served as a director of a soil and water conservation district to continue to serve as a director even if the individual no longer lives or works in the district.

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