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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. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended 2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to 3 read as follows: 4 "\$11- Elected county officials; residency requirement. 5 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any person (a) who is a candidate for an elected county office that represents 6 7 a specific county council district shall have been a resident of the county council district from which the person is to be 8 9 elected or appointed for at least one year immediately preceding the general or special election or appointment. 10 Upon filing nomination papers, the candidate shall 11 (b) 12 furnish three forms of proof of district residency. Acceptable 13 forms of proof of district residency include electric bills and 14 proof of mail delivery to the candidate's home address. (c) Any official who receives a candidate's nomination 15 papers shall make an initial determination as to whether the 16

17 candidate has met the requirements of this section. A person

18 aggrieved by the official's determination and who is and HB LRB 11-0695-1.doc

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continues to be in compliance with the requirements of this 1 section may petition the circuit court for an expedited review 2 3 of the determination after service of a certified copy of the determination. The review by the court shall be confined to the 4 5 administrative record. The court shall, upon request by any party, hear oral arguments and receive written briefs. 6 7 Discovery shall not be permitted. The court shall affirm the determination or, if it finds that the determination is 8 arbitrary and capricious, it shall reverse or modify the 9 10 determination. (d) For purposes of this section, residency shall be 11 12 determined pursuant to section 11-13." SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored. 13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 14 15

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Report Title: County Elected Office; Residency Requirement

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#### Description:

Requires any candidate for an elected county office which represents a specific county council district to be a resident of that county council district for one year prior to the general or special election or appointment. Authorizes the official who receives the nomination papers to determine whether the requirements of this section are met. Provides for expedited court review.

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