

JAN 17 2018

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 269-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There shall be a public utilities commission of three
4 members, to be called commissioners, and who shall be appointed
5 in the manner prescribed in section 26-34, except as otherwise
6 provided in this section. All members shall be appointed for
7 terms of six years each, except that the terms of the members
8 first appointed shall be for two, four, and six years,
9 respectively, as designated by the governor at the time of
10 appointment. At least one member shall be a resident of a
11 county other than the city and county of Honolulu and shall
12 receive per diem compensation for the days on which actual
13 service is rendered at a rate of per day. The governor
14 shall designate a member to be chairperson of the commission.
15 Each member shall hold office until the member's successor is
16 appointed and qualified. Section 26-34 shall not apply insofar
17 as it relates to the number of terms and consecutive number of



1 years a member can serve on the commission; provided that no
2 member shall serve more than twelve consecutive years.

3 In appointing commissioners, the governor shall select
4 persons who have had experience in accounting, business,
5 engineering, government, finance, law, or other similar fields.

6 The commissioners shall devote full time to their duties as
7 members of the commission and no commissioner shall hold any
8 other public office or other employment during the
9 commissioner's term of office. No person owning any stock or
10 bonds of any public utility corporation, or having any interest
11 in, or deriving any remuneration from, any public utility shall
12 be appointed a commissioner."

13 SECTION 2. The requirement that at least one of the public
14 utilities commission members be a resident of a county other
15 than the city and county of Honolulu pursuant to section 1 of
16 this Act, shall apply to the next appointment to the commission
17 following the effective date of this Act and thereafter.

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Public Utilities Commission; Members; Neighbor Island Resident;
Per Diem

Description:

Requires at least one of the three PUC commissioners to be a resident of a county other than the city and county of Honolulu and to receive per diem compensation.

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