

JAN 25 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REAPPORTIONMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 25-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) Legislative reapportionment. The commission shall
4 reapportion the members of each house of the legislature on the
5 basis, method, and criteria prescribed by the Constitution of
6 the United States and article IV of the Hawaii State
7 Constitution[-]; provided that the commission shall apportion
8 the house of representatives among multi-member districts of not
9 more than three members that conform to the boundaries of the
10 senate districts, unless not practicable. For purposes of
11 legislative reapportionment, a "permanent resident" means a
12 person having the person's domiciliary in the State. In
13 determining the total number of permanent residents for purposes
14 of apportionment among the four basic island units, the
15 commission shall only extract non-permanent residents from the
16 total population of the State counted by the United States
17 Census Bureau for the respective reapportionment year. The



1 commission shall conduct public hearings and consult with the
2 apportionment advisory council of each basic island unit. No
3 more than one hundred days from the date on which all members
4 are certified, the commission shall cause to be given in each
5 basic island unit, public notice subject to section 1-28.5 of a
6 legislative reapportionment plan prepared and proposed by the
7 commission. At least one public hearing on the proposed
8 reapportionment plan shall be held in each basic island unit
9 after initial public notice of the plan. At least twenty days'
10 notice shall be given of the public hearing. The notice shall
11 include a statement of the substance of the proposed
12 reapportionment plan, and of the date, time, and place where
13 interested persons may be heard thereon. The notice shall be
14 given at least once in the basic island unit where the hearing
15 will be held. All interested persons shall be afforded an
16 opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in
17 writing, for consideration by the commission. After the last of
18 the public hearings, but in no event later than one hundred
19 fifty days from the date on which all members of the commission
20 are certified, the commission shall determine whether the plan
21 is in need of correction or modification, make the correction or



1 modification, if any, and file with the chief election officer,
 2 a final legislative reapportionment plan. Within fourteen days
 3 after the filing of the final reapportionment plan, the chief
 4 election officer shall cause public notice subject to section
 5 1-28.5 to be given of the final legislative reapportionment plan
 6 which, upon public notice, shall become effective as of the date
 7 of filing and govern the election of members of the next five
 8 succeeding legislatures."

9 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____
 By Request



S.B. NO. 1562

Report Title:

Reapportionment Commission; Senate District Boundary

Description:

Requires that the Reapportionment Commission apportion the House of Representatives among multi-member districts of not more than three members that conform to the boundaries of the Senate districts, unless not practicable

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