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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[~~f~~]**\$11-7**[~~+~~] **Elections commission.** (a) There is  
4 established an elections commission within the department of  
5 accounting and general services for administrative purposes.  
6 The elections commission shall consist of nine members who shall  
7 be [~~selected as follows:~~] nominated and, by and with the advice  
8 and consent of the senate, appointed as follows:

9 (1) The president of the senate shall [~~select~~] nominate  
10 two elections commission members;

11 (2) The speaker of the house of representatives shall  
12 [~~select~~] nominate two elections commission members;

13 (3) The senators belonging to a party or parties different  
14 from the president of the senate shall designate one  
15 senator to [~~select~~] nominate two elections commission  
16 members;



1 (4) The representatives belonging to a party or parties  
2 different from the speaker of the house of  
3 representatives shall designate one representative to  
4 ~~[select]~~ nominate two elections commission members;  
5 and

6 (5) One member, who shall serve as chairperson of the  
7 elections commission, shall be ~~[selected]~~ nominated by  
8 ~~[the]~~ a vote of two-thirds of all members ~~[of]~~ to  
9 which the elections commission ~~[selected]~~ is entitled  
10 and who have already been appointed and confirmed  
11 pursuant to paragraphs (1) to (4) [†], and shall be  
12 appointed by and with the advice and consent of the  
13 senate;

14 provided that each group of four elections commission members  
15 ~~[selected]~~ appointed by each house shall include one elections  
16 commission member from each of the four counties.

17 ~~[(b) The chairperson of the elections commission under~~  
18 ~~subsection (a) (5) shall be selected by a two-thirds vote.~~

19 ~~(e)]~~ (b) A vacancy in the elections commission shall be  
20 filled in the same manner as the original appointment as  
21 specified in subsection (a) within fifteen days. A vacancy in



1 the elections commission shall be filled with a person from the  
2 same county as the departing elections commission member.  
3 Elections commission member vacancies not filled within the  
4 times specified shall be filled promptly thereafter by the chief  
5 justice of the supreme court.

6 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) The elections commission shall act by majority  
7 vote of its membership and shall establish its own procedures,  
8 except as may be provided by law. A majority of all members to  
9 which the commission is entitled shall constitute a quorum to do  
10 business.

11 ~~[(e)] Notwithstanding section 26-34, elections commission~~  
12 ~~member appointments shall not be subject to senatorial~~  
13 ~~confirmation.~~

14 ~~[(f)]~~ (d) The term of the elections commissioners shall be  
15 four years, except that with respect to the terms of the initial  
16 elections commission members, one member selected from each of  
17 subsection (a)(1) to (4) shall serve for a term of two years.

18 ~~[(g)]~~ (e) The elections commissioners shall serve without  
19 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses,  
20 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of  
21 their duties."



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

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Elections Commission; Members; Advice and Consent

**Description:**

Makes the members of the Elections Commission subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

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