
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§11-7.5 Duties of the elections commission.** The duties
4 of the elections commission are to:

5 (1) Hold public hearings;

6 (2) Investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence
7 of any violations and complaints;

8 (3) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91;

9 (4) Employ, without regard to chapter 76, a full-time
10 chief election officer, pursuant to section 11-1.6;
11 provided that the chief election officer who passes
12 the standard state probationary period may only be
13 terminated for cause;

14 (5) Conduct a performance evaluation of the chief election
15 officer within two months after the date a general
16 election is certified;



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(6) Hold a public hearing on the performance of the chief election officer and consider the information gathered at the hearing in deliberations on the chief election officer's reappointment; provided that the chief election officer who passes the standard state probationary period may only be terminated for cause; and

(7) Advise the chief election officer on matters relating to elections."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Elections Commission; Chief Election Officer; Termination

Description:

Specifies that the Chief Election office who passes the standard state probationary period may only be terminated for cause.

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