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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-1.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
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4 " (a) The chief election officer shall be appointed by the  
5 elections commission, without regard to chapter 76. The  
6 appointment shall not be subject to the advice and consent of  
7 the senate. In the event of a vacancy[~~, the~~]:  
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9 (1) The elections commission shall meet expeditiously to  
10 select and appoint a new chief election officer to  
11 serve the remainder of the unexpired term[‐]; and  
12 (2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the attorney  
13 general shall serve as the interim chief election  
14 officer until the elections commission appoints a new  
15 chief election officer."  
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SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
begun before its effective date.



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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# S.B. NO. 2143

**Report Title:**

AG; Elections Commission; Chief Election Officer; Vacancy

**Description:**

Provides that, in the event of a vacancy in the position of Chief Election Officer, the Attorney General shall serve as the Interim Chief Election Officer until the Elections Commission appoints a new Chief Election Officer.

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