

ACT 21

H. B. 154.

A Bill for an Act Relating to Standards of Conduct for State Legislators and Employees, and Amending Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 1967.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. This Act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest within the meaning of section 11 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The following is a statement of facts constituting such urgency:

Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 1967, took effect, by its terms, on January 1, 1968. The State Ethics Commission established by that Act, and charged thereby with the responsibility of administering the Act, is hindered in initiating implementation of the Act by doubt as to the coverage thereof. Although section 3 of the Act relating to applicability includes both officers and employees, the definition of the term "employee" in section 4(4) of the Act appears to exclude the non-officer employees. Section 4(4) presently defines the term "employee" as follows: "'Employee' means any person who has been elected to, appointed to, or nominated for, state office, board, commission or committee, but excluding legislators, justices, judges, and magistrates." It is urgent that doubt as to the coverage of the Act be obviated so that the State Ethics Commission may proceed expeditiously to administer the Act without hindrance.

SECTION 2. Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 1967, is hereby amended by amending section 4(4) thereof to read as follows:

" 'Employee' means any nominated, appointed, or elected officer or employee of the State, including members of boards, commissions, and committees, and employees under contract to the State, but excluding legislators, justices, judges, and magistrates."

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved April 30, 1968.)