

## A Bill for an Act Relating to Election Employees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 76-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**"Sec. 76-16 Civil service and exemptions.** The civil service to which this part applies comprises all positions in the state service existing or hereafter established and embraces all personal services performed for the State, except the following:

- (1) Commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Hawaii national guard as such, and positions in the Hawaii national guard which are required by state or federal laws or regulations, or orders of the national guard, to be filled from such commissioned or enlisted personnel;
- (2) Positions filled by persons employed by contract where the director of personnel services has certified that the service is special or unique, is essential to the public interest and that, because of circumstances surrounding its fulfillment, personnel to perform such service cannot be obtained through normal civil service recruitment procedures. Any such contract may be for any period not exceeding one year;
- (3) Positions of a temporary nature needed in the public interest where the need for the same does not exceed one year, but before any person may be employed to render such temporary service the director shall certify that the service is of a temporary nature and that recruitment through normal civil service recruitment procedures is not practicable;
- (4) Positions filled by the legislature or by either house or any committee thereof;
- (5) Employees in the office of the governor and household employees at Washington place and eight employees in the office of the lieutenant governor;
- (6) Positions filled by popular vote;
- (7) Department heads, officers and members of any board, commission, or other state agency whose appointments are made by the governor or are required by law to be confirmed by the senate;
- (8) Judges, referees, receivers, masters, jurors, jury commissioners, notaries public, land court examiners, court commissioners, and attorneys appointed by a state court for a special temporary service;
- (9) One secretary or clerk for each justice of the supreme court and each judge of the circuit court; three law clerks for the chief justice of the supreme court, two law clerks for each associate justice of the supreme court, and one law clerk for each judge of the circuit court (provided that the law clerk for a judge of the circuit court shall be employed in lieu of and shall have the powers and duties of a court officer and bailiff under section 606-14); and one private secretary for each department head, each deputy or first assistant, and each additional deputy, or

- assistant deputy, or assistant defined in paragraph (17);
- (10) Assistant and deputy attorneys general and law clerks;
  - (11) Teachers, principals, vice-principals, district superintendents, chief deputy superintendents, other certificated personnel, and not more than twenty noncertificated administrative, professional, and technical personnel not engaged in instructional work in the department of education, and members of the faculty of the University of Hawaii, including research workers, extension agents, personnel engaged in instructional work and administrative, professional and technical personnel of the university;
  - (12) Employees engaged in research projects approved by the governor, for which project federal funds are available, provided the period of employment shall not exceed one year;
  - (13) Positions filled by inmates, kokua, and patients of state institutions, and persons with severe physical or mental handicaps participating on the Work Experience Training Programs, students, and positions filled through federally funded programs which provide temporary public service employment such as the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973;
  - (14) A custodian or guide at Iolani Palace, Royal Mausoleum, and Hulihee Palace;
  - (15) Positions filled by persons employed on a fee, contract, or piecework basis who may lawfully perform their duties concurrently with their private business or profession or other private employment and whose duties require only a portion of their time, if it is impracticable to ascertain or anticipate the portion of time to be devoted to the service of the State;
  - (16) Positions of first deputies or first assistants of each department head appointed under or in the manner provided in section 6, article IV, of the State Constitution; three additional deputies or assistants either in charge of the highways, harbors, and airports divisions or such other functions within the department of transportation as may be assigned by the director of transportation, with the approval of the governor; one additional deputy to administer all hospitals within the jurisdiction of the department of health; one additional deputy in the department of health to administer all environmental health programs within the jurisdiction of the department; one additional deputy in the department of social services and housing either in charge of welfare or such other functions within the department as may be assigned by the director of social services; one additional deputy in the department of health in charge of administration or such other functions within the department as may be assigned by the director of health with the approval of the governor; and as administrative assistant to the superintendent of education;
  - (17) Positions specifically exempted from this part by any other law; provided that all of the positions defined by paragraph (9) shall be included in the position classification plan;

- (18) Positions in the state foster grandparent program and positions for temporary employment of senior citizens in occupations in which there is a severe manpower shortage or in special projects;
- (19) Household employees at the official residence of the president of the University of Hawaii.

The director shall determine the applicability of this section to specific positions.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect the civil service status of any incumbent, as it existed on July 1, 1955."

SECTION 2. Section 11-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**"Sec. 11-5 Employees.** The chief election officer may employ a permanent staff, subject to the provisions of chapters 76 and 77, to supervise state elections; maximize registration of eligible voters throughout the State; maintain data concerning registered voters, elections, apportionment, and districting; and to perform other duties as prescribed by law. The chief election officer or county clerk may employ precinct officials and other election employees as he may find necessary, none of whom shall be subject to the provisions of chapters 76 and 77."

SECTION 3. Employees currently not in civil service and occupying the following positions: (1) Director of Elections; (2) Voter Education Coordinator; (3) Voter Registration Coordinator; (4) Elections Logistics Coordinator; (5) Assistant Elections Logistics Coordinator; (6) Elections Accounts Clerk; (7) Elections Secretary I; and (8) Elections Secretary II, shall be converted to civil service status within the meaning of chapters 76 and 77 without the necessity of examination and shall be accorded all the rights, benefits, privileges attributable thereto. Such rights and privileges shall include seniority, prior service credit, vacation and sick leave credits, and other benefits and privileges accorded employees with civil service status. Positions held by such employees shall be allocated to the appropriate classes in the position classification plan and employees affected shall continue to receive at least the same rates of pay despite the change in status; provided that subsequent changes in position classification and pay shall be made pursuant to chapters 76 and 77.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 9, 1977.)

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\*Edited accordingly.