

ACT 249

H.B. NO. 3092-82

A Bill for an Act Relating to Elections.

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

SECTION 1. Purpose. The cornerstone of the foundation of our system of representative democracy is an election system in which the people can freely elect their representatives to reflect their will. An election system which is fair and equitable is one in which each citizen has an equal voice through elected representatives. In order to protect this fundamental right to vote and to ensure equal representation through fair elections, an effective reapportionment plan is essential. To achieve equal representation, the Constitution and laws of the State provide for reapportionment on a periodic basis and the appointment of commissions to devise valid reapportionment plans. The purpose of this Act is to allow reapportionment commissions to complete the important task of devising reapportionment plans.

SECTION 2. Section 25-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§25-1 Reapportionment commission. A reapportionment commission shall be constituted after the third Wednesday of January but before March 1 of each reapportionment year, and, commencing with the 1981 reapportionment year, the members shall be appointed and certified to hold office¹ [for such term in the manner prescribed in Article IV of the Constitution.] until a general election is held under a reapportionment plan of the commission or a new commission is constituted under Article IV, section 2 of the State Constitution, whichever event shall first occur.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is

underscored.

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

(Approved June 14, 1982.)

Note

1. Prior to amendment, this word was "offices."