

ACT 276

H.B. NO. 2318

A Bill for an Act Relating to Legislative Vacancies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Whenever any vacancy in the membership of the state senate occurs, the term of which ends at the next succeeding general election, the governor shall make an appointment within sixty calendar days following the first day of vacancy to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term and the appointee shall be of the same political party or nonpartisanship as the person the appointee succeeds.”

SECTION 2. Section 17-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§17-4 **State representatives.** Whenever any vacancy in the membership of the state house of representatives occurs, the governor shall make an appointment within sixty calendar days following the first day of vacancy to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term and the appointee shall be of the same political party or nonpartisanship as the person the appointee succeeds.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved June 19, 1992.)