
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 78-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) All appointive officers in the service of the
4 government of the State or any county who are employed as
5 department heads and deputies or assistants to a department head
6 shall be citizens of the United States and residents of the
7 State for at least one year immediately preceding their
8 appointment; provided that the foregoing one year residency
9 requirement may be waived by the appointing authority when the
10 appointive officer is [required]:

11 (1) Required to have highly specialized or scientific
12 knowledge and training and a qualified applicant who
13 is a resident for at least one year is not available
14 to fill the position[-]; or

15 (2) Employed as the head of a county police department.

16 All others appointed in the service of the government of the
17 State or in the service of any county or municipal subdivision



1 of the State shall be citizens, nationals, or permanent resident
2 aliens of the United States and residents of the State at the
3 time of their appointment. A national or permanent resident
4 alien appointee shall not be eligible for continued employment
5 unless such person diligently seeks citizenship upon becoming
6 eligible to apply for United States citizenship."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Appointed Officers; Residency Requirement; Police Departments;
Police Chief

Description:

Allows a waiver of the one-year residency requirement for certain appointed officers when the officer is employed as the head of a county police department. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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