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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature created the election commission  
2 in 2004. The duties of the commission are to: hold public  
3 hearings; investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence;  
4 adopt rules; employ a full time chief election officer; and  
5 advise the chief election officer on matters relating to  
6 elections. Although the commission is comprised of six neighbor  
7 island members, there is no budget to allow for the convening of  
8 the commission. Presently, the office of elections expends  
9 funds from its budget to meet these requirements.

10           The purpose of this Act is to provide funds for the  
11 election commission to properly carry out its duties and  
12 responsibilities.

13           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$31,679, or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
16 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2008-2009, to allow the election commission to carry out its  
18 duties and responsibilities.

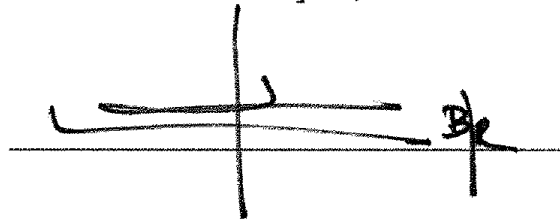


1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
2 elections for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Office of Elections; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the election commission to properly carry out its duties and responsibilities.

