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FACTSHEET
ELECTED OFFICIALS - TERMS OF OFFICE

Office	Term	Start of Term	Reference
Federal Offices			
President	4 years*	noon on 20th day of January following election	U.S. Constitution Article XX, Section 1
Vice President	4 years*	noon on 20th day of January following election	U.S. Constitution Article XX, Section 1
U.S. Senator	6 years	noon on 3rd day of January following election	U.S. Constitution Article XX, Section 1
U.S. Representative	2 years	noon on 3rd day of January following election	U.S. Constitution Article XX, Section 1
State Offices			
Governor	4 years ⁺	noon on first Monday in December following election	State Constitution Article V, Section 1
Lieutenant Governor	4 years ⁺	noon on first Monday in December following election	State Constitution Article V, Sections 1 and 2
State Senator	4 years	upon election (from the date of the general election)	State Constitution Article IV, Sections 7 and 8
State Representative	2 years	upon election (from the date of the general election)	State Constitution Article III, Section 4
Board of Education (BOE) Member	4 years	upon election (from the date of the general election)	Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 13-4
Trustee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)	4 years	upon election (from the date of the special election held in conjunction with the general election)	Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 13D-5

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City & County of Honolulu Offices			
Mayor	4 years ⁺	12 noon on 2nd day of January following election	City Charter Section 5-101
Prosecuting Attorney	4 years	12 noon on 2nd day of January following election	City Charter Section 8-102
Councilmember	4 years ⁺	12 noon on 2nd day of January following election	City Charter Section 3-102
County of Hawaii Offices			
Mayor	4 years ⁺	12 noon on 1st Monday of December following election	County Charter Article V, Section 5-1.1
Prosecuting Attorney	4 years	12 noon on 1st Monday of December following election	County Charter Article IX, Section 9-1
Councilmembers	2 years ⁺⁺	12 noon on 1st Monday of December following election	County Charter Article III, Section 3-2
County of Maui Offices			
Mayor	4 years ⁺	12 noon on 2nd day of January following election	County Charter Article 7, Section 7-2
Councilmembers	2 years [#]	12 noon on 2nd day of January following election	County Charter Article 3, Section 3-2
County of Kauai Offices			
Mayor	4 years ⁺	12 noon on 1st working day in December following election	County Charter Article VII, Section 7.01
Prosecuting Attorney	4 years	12 noon on 1st working day in December following election	County Charter Article IXA, Section 9A.01
Councilmembers	2 years	12 noon on 1st working day in December following election	County Charter Article III, Section 3.03

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