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## **FACTSHEET**

### **ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

#### **ACT 57**

The purpose of Act 57 (Bill No. HB267, 2004) is to amend the law relating to the Office of Elections and the Campaign Spending Commission.

Act 57 establishes a nine-member panel, called the Elections Commission, which replaces the Elections and Appointment Review Panel. The nine-member panel is composed of the following:

- 2 members appointed by the Senate President
- 2 members appointed by the Senate Minority Leader
- 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the House
- 2 members appointed by the House Minority Leader
- 1 member selected by a two-thirds vote of the Elections Commission serves as Chairperson

Each group of four Elections Commission members selected by each house will include one Elections Commission member from each of the four counties in the State: Oahu, Hawaii, Maui and Kauai.

A person from the same county as the departing Elections Commission member will fill a vacancy in the Elections Commission. If the vacancy is not filled within fifteen days, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will fill the vacancy.

The Elections Commission appoints the Chief Election Officer (CEO) and oversees the functions of the CEO and the Office of Elections.

## ELECTIONS COMMISSION APPOINTEES

	<u>Appointed by</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
Daniel Young	Chief Justice	June 30, 2012
Yuki Lei Sugimura	House Speaker	June 30, 2010
John Chan	Senate President	June 30, 2010
Zale Okazaki	Senate President	June 30, 2012
Harold Nelson	Senate Minority Leader	June 30, 2010
Brian Nakashima	Chief Justice	June 30, 2012
Donna Soares	House Minority Leader	June 30, 2012
Richard Swift	House Minority Leader	June 30, 2010

William Marston (Chairperson)

## DUTIES OF THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION

The duties of the Elections Commission provided under ACT 57 §11-C are as follows:

- 1) Hold Public Hearings;
- 2) Investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence of any violations and complaints;
- 3) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91;
- 4) Employ, without regard to chapter 76, a full-time Chief Election Officer, pursuant to section 11-1.6; and
- 5) Advise the Chief Election Officer on matters relating to elections.

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