

2009-2010 HAWAI'I COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION  
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Commission Member: \_\_\_\_\_

2. If applicable, list the charter provision(s) to be deleted or amended:

3. Provide a brief description of the purpose of the proposed charter amendment; include a description of the issue the proposal would address:

4. If the proposal is based on a provision(s) in the charter or law of another jurisdiction, name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of the relevant provision(s).

5. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy with a citation to its source.

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6. Attach the text of the proposed charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see below).

Ramseyer Format, if proposing:

Amendments to Existing Charter Provisions

Any language being proposed to be added to the Charter shall be underscored.

Any language being proposed to be deleted from the Charter shall be [bracketed].

Replacing Existing Charter Provisions in their Entirety

Clearly indicate the article(s), chapter(s), and/or section(s) of the Charter to be proposed to be deleted, and provide the text of any provisions proposed to replace the deleted material.

New Charter Provisions

Provide the text of the new provision(s) and, if possible, indicate where in the Charter the new material should be inserted.

## CHARTER AMENDMENT NO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I:

Section 1. Article III, section 3-4, Hawai'i County Charter, is deleted in its entirety and is amended by adding the following language:

**“Section 3-4. Vacancy in Office.**

A vacancy in any elected office for the County of Hawaii shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the following manner and order of priority:

- (a) If the term is less than 6 months, the county council shall appoint a successor by majority vote.
  - (1) Applicants shall file nomination papers (following standard election practices) with the county clerk within fifteen calendar days of the date that the vacancy occurred.
  - (2) Individuals wanting to serve the remainder of the term shall meet all requirements for that office and shall file the required nomination papers with the county clerk, including signatures of qualified voters supporting that person's nomination.
  - (3) The county clerk shall provide copies of the applications to the council at the first council meeting where it can be legally agendized and provide public notice of the pending appointment. Notice shall be placed in the two county-wide newspapers of greatest general circulation, seven calendar days prior to the date of the council meeting. The notice shall include the name of all of the candidates for the vacant office and the date, time and location of the meeting.
- (b) If the remainder of the term is greater than six months, a special election by mail shall be held within sixty days of the time that the vacancy occurred.”

Section 2. The revisor shall appropriately renumber charter chapter numbers, section numbers, and cross references pursuant to amendments approved by the electorate that displace existing or newly enacted charter provisions.

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect upon its approval by the electorate.