

2015-2016 HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

1. Please provide a brief description of the proposed Charter amendment, the purpose of the proposed Charter amendment, the issue or problem to be addressed by the proposal, and how the proposal would address the issue or problem.

State the term of office duration of the prosecuting attorney in RCH Section 8-102.

The Revised Charter of the City & County of Honolulu 1973 (RCH) as published -- including the 1994 edition, the 2000 edition, and the Supplement for Charter Amendments 2002 through 2012 – does not state anywhere the duration of the term of office of the prosecuting attorney, which is four years.

Compare the format of RCH Sections 3-102 (terms of office of councilmembers – four years) and 5-101 (term of office of the mayor – four years). At present, RCH Section 8-102 only identifies when the term of office shall commence. The omission should be duly corrected.

Further stylistic changes should be made to the heading and text to conform RCH Section 8-102 to RCH Section 5-101 for consistency.

2. If applicable, list the Charter provision(s) affected by the proposal.

RCH Section 8-102.

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or laws of another jurisdiction, name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of each provision or law.

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

5. Attach the text of the proposed Charter amendment in Ramseyer format.

Section 8-102. Election and Term of Office –

The electors of the city shall elect a prosecuting attorney whose term of office [of the prosecuting attorney] shall [commence] be four years beginning at twelve o'clock meridian on the second day of January following the prosecuting attorney's election.