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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that county neighborhood  
2 boards have very competitive elections with more candidates  
3 receiving campaign contributions to finance their election. The  
4 legislature is concerned about possible undue interest group  
5 influence in the neighborhood board elections, in view of the  
6 current practice of mailing out newsletters, brochures, or door  
7 flyers to promote a candidate. Campaign contributions to  
8 finance the printings should be disclosed.

9           The purpose of this Act is to:

10           (1) Repeal the exclusion of county neighborhoods boards  
11           from the election campaign contributions and  
12           expenditures law; and

13           (2) Require an organizational report to be filed with the  
14           campaign spending commission of any neighborhood board  
15           candidate who receives contributions or makes  
16           expenditures of more than \$1,000.



1 SECTION 2. Section 11-191, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "office" to read as  
3 follows:

4 "Office" means any elective public or constitutional  
5 office excluding [~~county neighborhood board and~~] federal  
6 elective offices."

7 SECTION 2. Section 11-194, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

9 "(b) Each candidate shall file an organizational report  
10 within ten days of:

- 11 (1) Filing the nomination papers for office; or  
12 (2) The date the candidate or candidate's committee  
13 receives contributions or makes expenditures that  
14 amount to more than \$100, or in the case of a  
15 candidate for a neighborhood board that amount to more  
16 than \$1,000, in the aggregate during the applicable  
17 election period, whichever occurs first."

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



**Report Title:**

Election Campaigns; Contributions

**Description:**

Includes county neighborhood boards in the definition of "office" for purposes of election campaign contributions and expenditures; requires candidates for neighborhood board elections to file an organizational report with the campaign spending commission if they receive or expend more than \$1,000.

