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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.

8 The legislature further finds that campaign contributions
9 used by candidates for neighborhood boards to finance the
10 printing and mailing of campaign materials should be disclosed.

11 The purpose of this Act is to:

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

15 (2) Require an organizational report to be filed with the
16 campaign spending commission by any neighborhood board
17 candidate who receives contributions or makes



1 expenditures of more than a specified statutory amount
2 for the printing and mailing of campaign material.

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

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

9 SECTION 3. Section 11-194, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

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

- 13 (1) Filing the nomination papers for office; or
14 (2) The date the candidate or candidate's committee
15 receives contributions or makes expenditures that
16 amount to more than \$100 in the aggregate during the
17 applicable election period, whichever occurs
18 first[-], or in the case of a candidate for a
19 neighborhood board, the date the candidate or
20 candidate's committee receives contributions or makes
21 expenditures that amount to more than \$1,000, for
22 printing, mailings, and related expenditure for



1 printing and mailings in the aggregate during the
2 applicable election period, whichever occurs first."

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

Mr. [Signature]

J. [Signature]



Report Title:

Election Campaigns; Contributions

Description:

Applies the election campaign contributions and expenditures law to candidates for the neighborhood boards; requires candidates for neighborhood board elections to file an organizational report with the campaign spending commission regarding campaign contributions used for printing and mailing campaign material.

