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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 many 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 11-302, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending the definition of "office" to read as  
5 follows:

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

9 SECTION 3. Section 11-321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 1. By amending its title to read:

12 "[+]§11-321[+] Registration of candidate committee or  
13 noncandidate committee."

14 2. By amending subsection (d) to read:

15 "(d) The organizational report for a candidate committee  
16 shall be filed within ten days of the earlier of:

17 (1) The date the candidate files nomination papers for  
18 office; or

19 (2) The date the candidate or candidate committee receives  
20 contributions or makes or incurs expenditures of more  
21 than \$100 in the aggregate during the applicable  
22 election period[-], or in the case of a candidate for



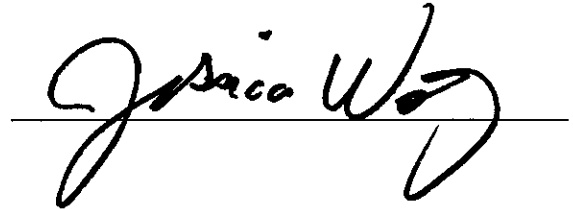
1           a neighborhood board, the date the candidate or  
2           candidate's committee receives contributions or makes  
3           or incurs expenditures of more than \$1,000 in the  
4           aggregate for printing, mailings, and related  
5           expenditures during the applicable election period."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Neighborhood Boards; 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.

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