A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS.

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

1   SECTION 1. Act 244, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, is

2   amended by amending section 8 to read as follows:

3   "SECTION 8. **Certification of qualification for**

4   **comprehensive public funds[-]; limit number of certified**

5   **candidates.** (a) Candidates seeking certification as a

6   comprehensive publicly funded candidate shall submit to the

7   commission an application for certification that contains at

8   least two hundred printed names, addresses, and signatures and

9   qualifying contributions for the county of Hawaii from

10   registered voters in the district for which the candidate seeks

11   office no later than thirty days prior to the primary election,

12   signed by the participating candidate and the participating

13   candidate's campaign treasurer under penalty of perjury. The

14   clerk for the county of Hawaii shall verify that at least two

15   hundred signatures and qualifying contributions were received

16   from registered voters in the district for which the candidate

17   seeks office, that the candidate resides in the district from

18   which election is sought as of the date of the filing of

1 nomination papers, and that the candidate is a registered voter

2 in the district from which election is sought.

3   (b) The application shall also include any information

4 deemed necessary and appropriate by the commission.

5   (c) The commission shall issue a decision to certify or

6 deny certification of a candidate as a comprehensive publicly

7 funded candidate within ten business days following receipt of

8 the candidate's completed application for certification for

9 comprehensive public funds, including verification of the

10 information in subsection (a) by the clerk for the county of

11 Hawaii.

12   (d) After a participating candidate is certified, the

13 candidate's certification shall apply to both the primary and

14 the general election, even if the candidate is unopposed in the

15 primary election.

16   (e) Initial certification by the commission under

17 subsection (c) and all determinations by the commission under

18 this section are final and conclusive, except to the extent they

19 are subject to examination and audit by the commission under

20 section 10(a).

21   (f) The commission shall limit the number of candidates it

22 certifies for comprehensive public funding for each election

1   cycle to twenty-five based on their order of eligibility in

2   qualifying for certification."

3   SECTION 2. Act 244, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008,

4   section 12, is amended by amending subsections (c) and (d) to

5   read as follows:

6   "(c) For primary elections subject to this part, the base

7   amount of public funding shall be the average of the amount

8   spent by the winning candidates in the previous two county

9   council primary elections of [the same] every district, reduced

10   by ten per cent.

11   (d) For general elections subject to this part, the base

12   amount of public funding shall be the average of the amount

13   spent by the winning candidates in the previous two county

14   council general elections for [the same] every district, reduced

15   by ten per cent."

16   SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

17   and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18   SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Pilot Program; Hawaii County; Public Funding for Elections

Description:

Changes funding formula for the comprehensive public funding pilot project to average the amount of money used by winning candidates in the last two election cycles for all county district races. Limits the number of candidates in the pilot program to twenty-five per election cycle. Effective 07/01/50. (SD1)

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