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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. Section 11-115, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§11-115 Arrangement of names on the ballot. (a) The  
4 names of the candidates shall be placed upon the ballot for  
5 their respective offices in alphabetical order [~~except~~];  
6 provided that:

7 (1) Prior to each election cycle, the chief election  
8 officer shall select a letter of the alphabet by lot;  
9 and

10 (2) For primary, general, and special elections during  
11 each election cycle, candidates whose last names begin  
12 with the letter selected pursuant to paragraph (1)  
13 shall be placed first upon the ballot and the names of  
14 other candidates shall follow in alphabetical order,  
15 beginning with the letter that follows the letter  
16 selected by lot.

17 (b) In addition to the requirement of subsection (a),  
18 arrangement of candidate names on a ballot shall be:



- 1 (1) As provided in section 11-118;
- 2 (2) [~~For~~] Subject to the limitations of the voting system  
3 in use; and
- 4 (3) [~~For~~] In the case of the candidates for vice president  
5 and lieutenant governor in the general election  
6 [~~whose~~], the names of those candidates shall be placed  
7 immediately below the name of the candidate for  
8 president or governor of the same political party.
- 9 [~~(b)~~] (c) In elections using the paper ballot or  
10 electronic voting systems where the names of the candidates are  
11 printed and the voter records the voter's vote on the face of  
12 the ballot, the following format shall be used: A horizontal  
13 line shall be ruled between each candidate's name and the next  
14 name, except between the names of presidential and vice  
15 presidential candidates and candidates for governor and  
16 lieutenant governor of the same political party in the general  
17 election. In such case the horizontal line shall follow the  
18 name of the candidates for vice president and lieutenant  
19 governor of the same political party, thereby grouping the  
20 candidates for president and vice president and governor and  
21 lieutenant governor of the same political party within the same  
22 pair of horizontal lines.



1        [~~(c)~~] (d) Immediately to the left of (before) or to the  
2 right of (after) the candidate name or names, according to the  
3 requirements of the voting system, two vertical lines shall be  
4 ruled, so that in conjunction with the horizontal lines, a box  
5 shall be formed to the left of or to the right of the name and  
6 its equivalent, if any.

7        [~~(d)~~] (e) In case of the candidates for president and vice  
8 president and governor and lieutenant governor of the same  
9 political party, only one box shall be formed opposite their set  
10 of names. The boxes shall be of sufficient size to give ample  
11 room in which to designate the choice of the voter in the manner  
12 prescribed for the voting system in use. All of the names upon  
13 a ballot shall be placed at a uniform distance from the left  
14 edge and close thereto, and shall be of uniform size and print  
15 subject to section 11-119."

16        SECTION 2. The chief election officer is directed to  
17 establish procedures to implement the purpose of this Act, which  
18 shall apply to the first full two year election cycle next  
19 following the effective date of this Act.

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

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



**Report Title:**

Elections; Ballot; Arrangement of Names

**Description:**

Requires the chief election officer to select a letter of the alphabet by lot and arrange candidate names on ballots in alphabetical order by last name, beginning with the randomly selected letter. Applies to elections in the next two year election cycle following effective date. (HB32 CD1)

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