
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to address campaign
2 finance reform.

3 More specifically, this Act requires "super PACs"
4 (political action committees), meaning those noncandidate
5 committees that may raise and spend unlimited funds to influence
6 elections independently of candidate campaigns and political
7 parties, to file two additional campaign reports. The
8 additional reports will ensure the disclosure of late
9 contributions of any amount that a "super PAC" receives as late
10 as four days prior to an election. The legislature finds that
11 this Act promotes transparency in the campaign process by
12 allowing voters to better determine the candidates who are
13 supported or opposed by "super PACs", many of which are funded
14 by special interests.

15 SECTION 2. Section 11-335, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

17 "(d) The authorized person in the case of a party, or
18 treasurer in the case of a noncandidate committee that is not a



1 party~~[7]~~ and is subject to the contribution limit of section 11-
2 358, shall file a late contribution report as provided in
3 section 11-338 if the party or committee receives late
4 contributions from any person aggregating more than \$500 or
5 makes late contributions aggregating more than \$500."

6 SECTION 3. Section 11-336, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

8 "(a) The filing dates for preliminary reports are:

9 (1) ~~[Ten]~~ For a noncandidate committee subject to the
10 contribution limit of section 11-358:

11 (A) Ten calendar days prior to a primary, special, or
12 nonpartisan election; and

13 ~~[(2)]~~ (B) Ten calendar days prior to a general election~~[7]~~;
14 and

15 (2) For a noncandidate committee that is not subject to
16 the contribution limit of section 11-358:

17 (A) Ten calendar days prior to a primary, special, or
18 nonpartisan election;

19 (B) Three calendar days prior to a primary, special,
20 or nonpartisan election;

21 (C) Ten calendar days prior to a general election;
22 and



1 (D) Three calendar days prior to a general election.

2 Each preliminary report from a noncandidate committee
3 subject to the contribution limit of section 11-358 shall be
4 current through the fifth calendar day prior to the filing of
5 the report.

6 Each preliminary report from a noncandidate committee that
7 is not subject to the contribution limit of section 11-358 shall
8 be current through the day prior to the filing of the report."

9 SECTION 4. Section 11-338, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "~~§~~**11-338**~~§~~ **Late contributions; report.** (a) The
12 candidate, authorized person in the case of a noncandidate
13 committee that is a party, or treasurer in the case of a
14 candidate committee or ~~either~~ a noncandidate committee~~]~~ that
15 is not a party and is subject to the contribution limit of
16 section 11-358, that, within the period of fourteen calendar
17 days through four calendar days prior to any election, makes
18 contributions aggregating more than \$500, or receives
19 contributions from any person aggregating more than \$500, shall
20 file a late contribution report by means of the commission's
21 electronic filing system on or before the third calendar day
22 prior to the election.



1 (b) The late contribution report shall include the
2 following information:

3 (1) Name, address, occupation, and employer of the
4 contributor;

5 (2) Name of the candidate, candidate committee, or
6 noncandidate committee making or receiving the
7 contribution;

8 (3) The amount of the contribution;

9 (4) The contributor's aggregate contributions to the
10 candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate
11 committee; and

12 (5) The purpose, if any, to which the contribution will be
13 applied.

14 (c) A late contribution report filed pursuant to this
15 section shall be in addition to any other report required to be
16 filed by this part.

17 (d) This section shall not apply to a noncandidate
18 committee that is not subject to the contribution limit of
19 section 11-358."

20 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

Elections; Campaign Finance; Noncandidate Committees; "Super PAC" Preliminary Reports

Description:

Requires "super PACs" to file 2 additional preliminary campaign finance reports to ensure the disclosure of late contributions of any amount that the "super PAC" receives prior to an election.

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