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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 11-112, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The ballot shall contain the names of the candidates,
4 [~~their party affiliation or nonpartisanship in partisan election~~
5 ~~contests~~], the offices for which they are running, and the
6 district in which the election is being held. The ballot shall
7 not contain the party affiliation or nonpartisanship of
8 candidates in partisan election contests. In multimember races
9 the ballot shall state that the voter shall not vote for more
10 than the number of seats available or the number of candidates
11 listed where such number is less than the seats available.

12 The ballot shall also contain an option to specifically
13 select none of the candidates for each office."

14 SECTION 2. Section 12-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "**§12-21 Official [party] ballots.** The primary or special
17 primary ballot shall be clearly designated as such. The names
18 of the candidates [~~of each party qualifying under section 11-61~~



1 ~~er 11-62 and of nonpartisan candidates]~~ may be printed on
2 ~~[separate ballots, or on]~~ a single ballot. ~~[The name of each~~
3 ~~party and the nonpartisan designation shall be distinctly~~
4 ~~printed and sufficiently separate from each other.]~~ The names
5 of all candidates shall be printed on the ballot ~~[as provided in~~
6 ~~section 11-115]~~. When the names of all candidates ~~[of the same~~
7 ~~party for the same office]~~ exceed the maximum number of voting
8 positions on a single side of a ballot card, the excess names
9 may be arranged and listed on both sides of the ballot card and
10 additional ballot cards if necessary. ~~[When separate ballots~~
11 ~~for each party are not used, the order in which parties appear~~
12 ~~on the ballot, including nonpartisan, shall be determined by~~
13 ~~lot.]~~

14 The chief election officer or the county clerk, in the case
15 of county elections, shall approve printed samples or proofs of
16 the ~~[respective party]~~ ballots as to uniformity of size, weight,
17 shape, and thickness prior to final printing of the official
18 ballots."

19 SECTION 3. Section 12-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 "§12-31 ~~[Selection of party ballot; voting.]~~ Voting. No
22 person eligible to vote in any primary or special primary



1 election shall be required to state a party preference or
2 nonpartisanship as a condition of voting. Each voter shall be
3 issued the primary or special primary ballot [~~for each party and~~
4 ~~the nonpartisan primary or special primary ballot.~~ A voter
5 ~~shall be entitled to vote only for candidates of one party or~~
6 ~~only for nonpartisan candidates.~~ If the primary or special
7 primary ballot is marked contrary to this paragraph, the ballot
8 shall not be counted.

9 ~~In any primary or special primary election in the year 1979~~
10 ~~and thereafter, a voter shall be entitled to select and to vote~~
11 ~~the ballot of any one party or nonpartisan, regardless of which~~
12 ~~ballot the voter voted in any preceding primary or special~~
13 ~~primary election.] listing all eligible candidates for the
14 appropriate positions without reference to party or nonpartisan
15 affiliation."~~

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

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
19 and shall apply to primary, general, and special elections
20 beginning 2014.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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By Request



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Report Title:

Elections; Ballots

Description:

Deletes required references to party affiliations on primary, general, and special election ballots. Applies to all general, primary, and special elections beginning in 2014.

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