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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.



1 The chief election officer shall inform voters, by a method  
2 suited for the voting system, that the candidates may not  
3 necessarily be listed on the ballot in alphabetical order.

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

6 (1) As provided in section 11-118;

7 (2) ~~[For]~~ Subject to the limitations of the voting system  
8 in use; and

9 (3) ~~[For]~~ In the case of the candidates for vice president  
10 and lieutenant governor in the general election  
11 [whose], the names of those candidates shall be placed  
12 immediately below the name of the candidate for  
13 president or governor of the same political party.

14 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) In elections using the paper ballot or  
15 electronic voting systems where the names of the candidates are  
16 printed and the voter records the voter's vote on the face of  
17 the ballot, the following format shall be used: A horizontal  
18 line shall be ruled between each candidate's name and the next  
19 name, except between the names of presidential and vice  
20 presidential candidates and candidates for governor and  
21 lieutenant governor of the same political party in the general



1 election. In such case the horizontal line shall follow the  
2 name of the candidates for vice president and lieutenant  
3 governor of the same political party, thereby grouping the  
4 candidates for president and vice president and governor and  
5 lieutenant governor of the same political party within the same  
6 pair of horizontal lines.

7 ~~(c)~~ (d) Immediately to the left of (before) or to the  
8 right of (after) the candidate name or names, according to the  
9 requirements of the voting system, two vertical lines shall be  
10 ruled, so that in conjunction with the horizontal lines, a box  
11 shall be formed to the left of or to the right of the name and  
12 its equivalent, if any.

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



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

5           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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# H.B. NO. 1590

**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. Requires notice to voters that the candidates may not necessarily be listed in alphabetical order on the ballot by a method suited for all voting systems. Directs the Chief Election Officer to establish procedures to implement this new procedure applicable to elections in the next two year election cycle following the effective date.

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