
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part VIII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§11- Initiative issue questions. (a) There is
5 established a process for:

6 (1) Registered voters to propose an initiative issue
7 question to be included on a general election ballot;
8 and

9 (2) The chief election officer to include an initiative
10 issue question on a general election ballot.

11 (b) For an initiative issue question to be included on a
12 general election ballot:

13 (1) A registered voter shall file for a petition form for
14 an initiative issue question with the chief election
15 officer;

16 (2) The chief election officer shall review the filing for
17 a petition form for an initiative issue question to



1 determine whether the proposed initiative issue
2 question conforms to statutory and administrative
3 requirements;

4 (3) If the chief election officer certifies that all
5 statutory and administrative requirements relating to
6 the filing have been met, the chief election officer
7 shall issue a petition form with the language of the
8 proposed initiative issue question to the registered
9 voter that filed for the petition form;

10 (4) A registered voter shall file a completed petition for
11 an initiative issue question with the chief election
12 officer:

13 (A) That includes the name, residence address, date
14 of birth, and signature of currently registered
15 voters comprising not less than ten per cent of
16 the total registered voters of the State as of
17 the last preceding general election;

18 (B) No sooner than one year prior to the next general
19 election; and

20 (C) No later than sixty days prior to the next
21 general election; and



1 (5) The chief election officer shall verify that the
2 information and signatures affixed to the petition are
3 valid.

4 (c) The chief election officer shall place an initiative
5 issue question on the next general election ballot as authorized
6 under section 11-112; provided that all requirements of
7 subsection (b) are met.

8 (d) A proposed initiative issue question shall be printed
9 on the filing for petition:

10 (1) In its final and exact form to be printed on the
11 petition and on the ballot;

12 (2) In a manner to enable voters to express their choice
13 on the initiative issue question by providing a "yes"
14 or "no" response; and

15 (3) With language and meaning that are clear and are
16 neither misleading nor deceptive.

17 (e) The outcome of an initiative issue question vote shall
18 not have the force and effect of law.

19 (f) The chief election officer shall adopt rules, pursuant
20 to chapter 91, necessary for the purposes of this section."

21 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

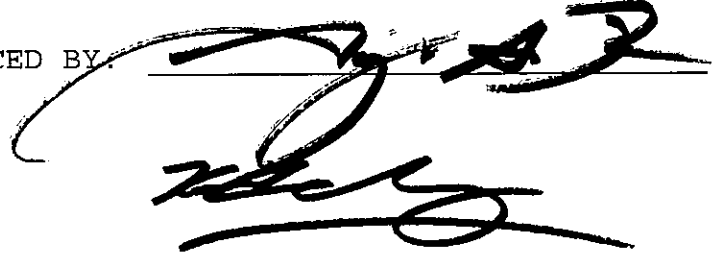


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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Initiative Issue Question; Elections

Description:

Establishes a process, to increase voter participation, to include an initiative issue question on a general election ballot. Provides that the outcome of an initiative issue question shall not have the force and effect of law.

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