A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "§12-6 Nomination papers: time for filing; fees. (a)
- 4 For members of Congress, state offices, county offices, and the
- 5 board of trustees for the office of Hawaiian affairs, nomination
- 6 papers shall be filed with the chief election officer, or clerk
- 7 in case of county offices, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the first
- 8 Tuesday in June. However, in the event of a special primary or
- 9 special election, the filing deadline shall be determined in the
- 10 proclamation that is issued calling for the election as provided
- 11 for by state law or county charter. A state candidate from the
- 12 counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai may file the declaration of
- 13 candidacy with the respective clerk. The clerk shall transmit
- 14 to the office of the chief election officer the state
- 15 candidate's declaration of candidacy without delay.
- (b) If after the close of filing there are no candidates
- 17 who have filed nomination papers for an elective office for the

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- 1 primary, special primary, or any special election held in
- 2 conjunction with the primary election, the chief election
- 3 officer or clerk, in the case of a county election, shall accept
- 4 nomination papers for that office until 4:30 p.m. on the tenth
- 5 day after the original close of filing.
- 6 [f](c)[f] There shall be deposited with each nomination
- 7 paper a filing fee on account of the expenses attending the
- 8 holding of the primary, special primary, or special election,
- 9 which shall be paid into the treasury of the State $[\tau]$ or county,
- 10 as the case may be, as a realization:
- 11 (1) For United States senators and United States
- representatives--\$75;
- 13 (2) For governor and lieutenant governor--\$750;
- 14 (3) For mayor--\$500; and
- 15 (4) For all other offices--\$250.
- 16 [+] (d) [+] Upon the receipt by the chief election officer
- 17 or the clerk of the nomination paper of a candidate, the day,
- 18 hour, and minute when it was received shall be endorsed thereon.
- 19 (e) Upon the showing of a certified copy of an affidavit
- 20 [which] that has been filed with the campaign spending
- 21 commission pursuant to section 11-423 by a candidate who has



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- 1 voluntarily agreed to abide by spending limits, the chief
- 2 election officer or clerk shall discount the filing fee of the
- 3 candidate by the following amounts:
- 4 (1) For the office of governor and lieutenant governor--
- **5** \$675;
- 6 (2) For the office of mayor--\$450; and
- 7 (3) For all other offices--\$225.
- 8 [4] (f) [+] The chief election officer or clerk shall waive
- 9 the filing fee in the case of a person who declares, by
- 10 affidavit, that the person is indigent and who has filed a
- 11 petition signed by currently registered voters who constitute at
- 12 least one-half of one per cent of the total voters registered at
- 13 the last preceding general election in the respective district
- 14 or districts [which] that correspond to the specific office for
- 15 which the indigent person is a candidate[-]; provided that this
- 16 subsection shall not apply to a party filing fee under
- 17 subsection (g). This petition shall be submitted on the form
- 18 prescribed and provided by the chief election officer together
- 19 with the nomination paper required by this chapter.
- 20 (g) In addition to any fee required under subsection (c)
- 21 and notwithstanding any discount provided under subsection (e),

- 1 there shall be deposited with each nomination paper of a
- 2 candidate for a state office for which the candidate declares a
- 3 party affiliation a party filing fee of \$100, which shall be
- 4 paid into the treasury of the State; provided that \$80 from each
- 5 party filing fee shall be deposited into an account designated
- 6 by the party affiliated with the applicable candidate for
- 7 expenditure by the party to defray its operating expenses."
- 8 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take exfect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Elections; Candidates; Parties; Filing Fees

Description:

Requires a partisan candidate for state office to pay a \$100 filing fee, \$80 of which shall be provided to the candidate's party.

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