
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (d) to read:

4 "(d) The organizational report for a candidate committee
5 shall be filed within [~~ten~~] two days of the earlier of:

6 (1) The date the candidate files nomination papers for
7 office; or

8 (2) The date the candidate or candidate committee receives
9 contributions or makes or incurs expenditures of more
10 than \$100 in the aggregate during the applicable
11 election period."

12 2. By amending subsection (g) to read:

13 "(g) The organizational report for a noncandidate
14 committee shall be filed within [~~ten~~] two days of receiving
15 contributions or making or incurring expenditures of more than

16 \$1,000, in the aggregate [~~7~~] in a two-year election period [~~7~~

17 ~~provided that within the thirty day period prior to an election,~~



1 ~~a noncandidate committee shall register by filing an~~
2 ~~organizational report within two days of receiving contributions~~
3 ~~or making or incurring expenditures of more than \$1,000, in the~~
4 ~~aggregate, in a two year election period]."~~

5 SECTION 2. Section 11-322, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

7 "(b) Any change in information previously reported in the
8 organizational report [~~with the exception of subsection (a)(8)~~]
9 shall be electronically filed with the commission within ten
10 days of the change being brought to the attention of the
11 committee chairperson or treasurer."

12 SECTION 3. Section 11-323, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

14 "(b) Any change in information previously reported in the
15 organizational report [~~, with the exception of subsection~~
16 ~~(a)(12),~~] shall be electronically filed with the commission
17 within ten days of the change being brought to the attention of
18 the committee chairperson or treasurer."

19 SECTION 4. Section 11-336, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

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



- 1 (1) April 30 of the year of a general election;
 2 (2) Thirty calendar days before a primary, initial
 3 special, or initial nonpartisan election;
 4 [~~(1)~~] (3) Ten calendar days [~~prior to~~] before a primary,
 5 initial special, subsequent special, initial
 6 nonpartisan, or subsequent nonpartisan election;
 7 [~~(2)~~] ~~Ten calendar days prior to a general election; and~~
 8 [~~(3)~~] (4) October 1 of the year of a general election[-];
 9 and
 10 (5) Ten calendar days before a general election.
 11 [~~Each~~] The preliminary report filed by the date required under
 12 paragraph (2) shall be current through June 30, and all other
 13 preliminary [~~report~~] reports shall be current through the fifth
 14 calendar day [~~prior to~~] before the filing deadline of [~~the~~
 15 ~~report.~~] those other preliminary reports."

16 SECTION 5. Section 11-339, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 17 amended to read as follows:

18 "§11-339 Candidate committees or noncandidate committees
 19 receiving and expending \$1,000 or less in an election period.

20 (a) Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, a
 21 candidate committee or noncandidate committee whose aggregate



1 contributions and aggregate expenditures for the election period
2 total \$1,000 or less, shall electronically file only a final
3 election period report, and need not file a preliminary and
4 final primary report, a preliminary and final general report, or
5 a special election report.

6 (b) By ~~[June 30]~~ the fifth calendar day before the due
7 date of the preliminary report due on April 30 of an election
8 year, a candidate committee or noncandidate committee that does
9 not intend to receive contributions, or make expenditures, that
10 aggregate more than \$1,000 in an election period shall notify
11 the commission of its intent in the ~~[candidate]~~ committee's
12 organizational report.

13 ~~[(c) By the fifth calendar day before the due date of the~~
14 ~~preliminary primary report, a noncandidate committee that does~~
15 ~~not intend to receive contributions, or make expenditures, that~~
16 ~~aggregate more than \$1,000 in an election period shall notify~~
17 ~~the commission of its intent in the noncandidate committee's~~
18 ~~organizational report.~~

19 ~~(d)]~~ (c) Until the candidate committee's or noncandidate
20 committee's registration is terminated as provided in section



1 11-326, supplemental reports and other reports required by this
2 part shall be filed."

3 SECTION 6. Section 11-340, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

5 "(c) Subsection (b) notwithstanding, if a candidate
6 committee or noncandidate committee does not file the [~~second~~]
7 preliminary [~~primary~~] report [~~or the preliminary general report,~~
8 ~~or if a noncandidate committee does not file the preliminary~~
9 ~~primary report or the second preliminary general report by the~~
10 ~~due date,~~] that is due ten calendar days before a primary,
11 initial special, subsequent special, initial nonpartisan,
12 subsequent nonpartisan, or general election, the fine, if
13 assessed, shall not exceed \$300 per day; provided that, in
14 aggregate:

15 (1) The fine shall not exceed twenty-five per cent of the
16 total amount of contributions or expenditures,
17 whichever is greater, for the period covered by the
18 report; and

19 (2) The minimum fine, if assessed, shall be \$300.

20 (d) If the commission determines that a report is
21 substantially defective or deficient, the commission shall



1 notify the candidate committee or noncandidate committee by
2 first class mail that:

3 (1) The report is substantially defective or deficient;
4 and

5 (2) A fine may be assessed."

6 SECTION 7. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
8 begun before its effective date.

9 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Election Campaigns; Candidate Committees; Noncandidate
Committees; Reports

Description:

Amends the deadline for candidate committees and noncandidate
committees to file organizational reports. Imposes upon both
candidate committees and noncandidate committees consistent
content, filing, and deadline requirements for organizational
reports and preliminary reports. Takes effect on 7/1/2050.
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