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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. 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-       Digital voter information guide. (a) The office  
5 of elections shall prepare, and post on its website, a digital  
6 voter information guide. The digital voter information guide  
7 shall be posted in a screen reader-accessible format for voters  
8 having special needs who are unable to read standard print due  
9 to disability. The office of elections shall provide a  
10 translation of the digital voter information guide in Olelo  
11 Hawaii on its website. The office of elections shall print and  
12 mail a physical copy of the digital voter information guide to  
13 any voter upon request. The digital voter information guide  
14 shall include:

- 15       (1) A photograph and short statement of less than one  
16       hundred fifty words for each candidate running for  
17       office, to be prepared by the candidate; provided that



1 the office of elections may uniformly limit the number  
2 of words for the candidate statement by applicable  
3 public office;

4 (2) A clear and concise explanation drafted by the  
5 department of the attorney general of each state  
6 constitutional amendment that will be proposed to  
7 voters in the next general election; and

8 (3) A clear and concise explanation, drafted by the  
9 appropriate county corporate counsel, for each  
10 proposed county charter amendment, proposed  
11 initiative, and proposed referendum issue.

12 (b) The office of elections shall prepare and mail with  
13 each ballot for a primary election a notice to voters that a  
14 digital voter information guide is available on the office of  
15 elections website. The notice shall be sent by email to all  
16 voters with special needs who have registered to receive  
17 alternate format ballots.

18 (c) Information made available over the Internet pursuant  
19 to this section shall meet or exceed the most current, ratified  
20 standards under section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of  
21 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended, and the Web Content



1 Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 adopted by the World Wide  
2 Consortium for accessibility."

3       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$               or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
6 the office of elections to prepare and mail a notice to voters  
7 that a digital voter information guide may be found on the  
8 office of elections website.

9       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
10 elections for the purposes of this Act.

11       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 30, 2075;  
13 provided that section 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2023.



**Report Title:**

Digital Voter Information; Guide; Ballot; Office of Elections;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Office of Elections to prepare a digital voter registration guide to be posted on its website. Requires the Office of Election to mail a notice with each ballot notifying voters that a voter information guide may be found on its website. Requires compliance with certain accessibility standards. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 7/30/2075.  
(SD2)

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