
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 be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§11- Legal name of candidates. Notwithstanding any
5 other law to the contrary, every candidate for public office in
6 the State shall use their legal name for all election purposes."

7 SECTION 2. Section 11-112, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "§11-112 Contents of ballot. (a) The ballot shall
10 contain the legal names of the candidates, their party
11 affiliation or nonpartisanship in partisan election contests,
12 the offices for which they are running, and the district in
13 which the election is being held. In multimember races, the
14 ballot shall state that the voter shall not vote for more than
15 the number of seats available or the number of candidates listed
16 where the number of candidates is fewer than the number of seats
17 available.



1 (b) The ballot may include questions concerning proposed
2 state constitutional amendments, proposed county charter
3 amendments, or proposed initiative or referendum issues.

4 (c) At the chief election officer's discretion, the ballot
5 may have a background design imprinted onto it.

6 (d) When the electronic voting system is used, the ballot
7 may have pre-punched codes and printed information that identify
8 the voting districts, precincts, and ballot sets to facilitate
9 the electronic data processing of these ballots.

10 ~~[(e) The name of the candidate may be printed with the
11 Hawaiian or English equivalent or nickname, if the candidate so
12 requests in writing at the time the candidate's nomination
13 papers are filed. Candidates' names, including the Hawaiian or
14 English equivalent or nickname, shall be set on one line.~~

15 ~~[(f)]~~ (e) The ballot shall bear no word, motto, device,
16 sign, or symbol other than as allowed in this title.

17 ~~[(g)]~~ (f) The ballot may include information necessary to
18 use ranked-choice voting as described in section 11-100."

19 SECTION 3. Section 12-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) No candidate's name shall be printed upon any
2 official ballot to be used at any primary, special primary, or
3 special election unless a nomination paper was filed on the
4 candidate's behalf and in the candidate's legal name [~~by which~~
5 ~~the candidate is commonly known~~]. The nomination paper shall be
6 in a form prescribed and provided by the chief election officer
7 containing substantially the following information:

- 8 (1) A statement by the registered voters signing the form
9 that they are eligible to vote for the candidate;
- 10 (2) A statement by the registered voters signing the form
11 that they nominate the candidate for the office
12 identified on the nomination paper issued to the
13 candidate;
- 14 (3) The residence address and county in which the
15 candidate resides;
- 16 (4) The legal name of the candidate, [~~the name by which~~
17 ~~the candidate is commonly known, if different,~~] the
18 office for which the candidate is running, and the
19 candidate's party affiliation or nonpartisanship; all
20 of which are to be placed on the nomination paper by



- 1 the chief election officer or the clerk [~~prior to~~]
2 before releasing the form to the candidate;
- 3 (5) Space for the name, signature, month and date portions
4 of the date of birth, and residence address of each
5 registered voter signing the form, and other
6 information as determined by the chief election
7 officer; provided that a voter's social security
8 number or any portion thereof and the year portion of
9 the voter's date of birth shall not be required;
- 10 (6) A sworn certification by self-subscribing oath by the
11 candidate that the candidate qualifies under the law
12 for the office the candidate is seeking and that the
13 candidate has determined that, except for the
14 information provided by the registered voters signing
15 the nomination papers, all of the information on the
16 nomination papers is true and correct;
- 17 (7) A sworn certification by self-subscribing oath by a
18 party candidate that the candidate is a member of the
19 party;
- 20 (8) For candidates seeking elective county office, a sworn
21 certification by self-subscribing oath by the



1 candidate that the candidate has complied with the
2 relevant provisions of the applicable county charter
3 and county ordinances pertaining to elected officials;

4 (9) A sworn certification by self-subscribing oath, where
5 applicable, by the candidate that the candidate has
6 complied with the provisions of article II, section 7,
7 of the Hawaii State Constitution;

8 (10) A sworn certification by self-subscribing oath by the
9 candidate that the candidate is in compliance with
10 section 831-2, dealing with felons, and is eligible to
11 run for office; and

12 (11) The [~~name the candidate wishes to be printed on the~~
13 ~~ballot and the~~] mailing address of the candidate."

14 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on March 22, 2075.



Report Title:

Elections; Candidates; Legal Name

Description:

Requires every candidate for public office in Hawaii to use their legal name for election purposes. Takes effect 3/22/2075.
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