
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

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

3 "**§11-2 Chief election officer; duties.** (a) The chief
4 election officer shall supervise all state elections. The chief
5 election officer may delegate responsibilities in state
6 elections within a county to the clerk of that county or to
7 other specified persons.

8 (b) The chief election officer shall be responsible for
9 the maximization of registration of eligible electors throughout
10 the State. In maximizing registration, the chief election
11 officer shall make an effort to equalize registration between
12 districts, with particular effort in those districts in which
13 the chief election officer determines registration is lower than
14 desirable. The chief election officer, in carrying out this
15 function, may make surveys, carry on house-to-house canvassing,
16 and assist or direct the clerk in any other area of
17 registration.



1 (c) The chief election officer shall maintain data
2 concerning registered voters, elections, apportionment, and
3 districting. The chief election officer shall use this data to
4 assist the reapportionment commission provided for under Article
5 IV of the Constitution.

6 (d) The chief election officer shall be responsible for
7 public education with respect to voter registration and
8 information.

9 (e) The chief election officer shall develop and
10 distribute a voter information guide for all candidates running
11 for state office, including candidates for any trustee position
12 of the office of Hawaiian affairs. The voter information guide
13 may be distributed by whatever means practical given the
14 resources available to the chief election officer, including but
15 not limited to electronic distribution, mail, or newspaper, and
16 may be distributed in different versions to fit the respective
17 electoral districts or regions. In each regular session of the
18 legislature that immediately precedes an election year, the
19 chief election officer shall request an appropriation that is
20 sufficient to carry out the purposes of this subsection, to be
21 expended in the fiscal year in which the election is to be held.



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1 [~~e~~] (f) The chief election officer shall adopt rules
2 governing elections in accordance with chapter 91."

3 SECTION 2. The office of elections shall prepare a
4 proposal detailing at least two options for voter information
5 guides and the cost estimates for each option. The office of
6 elections shall submit the proposal to the legislature no later
7 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
8 of 2024.

9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Elections; Chief Election Officer; Voter Information Guide

Description:

Requires the chief election officer to develop and distribute a voter information guide for all candidates running for state office, including candidates running for any trustee position of the office of Hawaiian affairs. Requires the office of elections to submit options for different voter information guides and their respective cost estimates to the legislature before the Regular Session of 2024.

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