

A Bill for an Act Relating to Elections.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 11-204, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) (1) No person[, other than a candidate for the candidate’s own campaign, political party, political committees established and maintained by a national political party,] or any other entity shall make contributions to:

[(1)] (A) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a two-year office or to the candidate’s committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$2,000 during an election period;

[(2)] (B) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year statewide office or to the candidate’s committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$6,000 during an election period; and

[(3)] (C) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year nonstatewide office or to the candidate’s committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$4,000 during an election period.

These limits shall not apply to a loan made to a candidate by a financial institution in the ordinary course of business.

(2) For purposes of this section, the length of term of an office shall be the usual length of term of the office as unaffected by reapportionment, a special election to fill a vacancy, or any other factor causing the term of the office the candidate is seeking to be less than the usual length of term of that office.”

SECTION 2. Section 11-214, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) All candidates who withdraw or cease to be candidates, or committees directly associated with such candidates, individuals who receive contributions but fail to file for nomination, or committees or parties which discontinue their activities covered in this subpart, shall return all residual private contributions to the donors of such contributions within four years if their identities are known, provided that if the identity of any donor is not known, or the donor cannot be found, such contribution shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund[.] or may be donated to a nonprofit organization of the candidate’s choice. In the event of a death of a candidate, the candidate’s committee, if any, shall return all residual private contributions to the donors of such contributions, provided that any residual contributions not returned to the donors within sixty days of the candidate’s death shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund or may be donated to a nonprofit organization of the candidate’s choice.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

(Approved June 19, 2000.)