

A Bill for an Act Relating to Election Nomination Papers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) No candidate’s name shall be printed upon any official ballot to be used at any primary, special primary, or special election unless a nomination paper was filed on the candidate’s behalf and in the name by which the candidate is commonly known. The nomination paper shall be in a form prescribed and provided by the chief election officer containing substantially the following information:

- (1) A statement by the registered voters signing the form that they are eligible to vote for the candidate;
- (2) A statement by the registered voters signing the form that they nominate the candidate for the office identified on the nomination paper issued to the candidate;
- (3) The residence address and county in which the candidate resides;
- (4) The legal name of the candidate, the name by which the candidate is commonly known, if different, the office for which the candidate is running, and the candidate’s party affiliation or nonpartisanship; all of which are to be placed on the nomination paper by the chief election officer or the clerk prior to releasing the form to the candidate;
- (5) Space for the name, signature, month and date portions of the date of birth, [last four digits of the social security number,] and residence address of each registered voter signing the form, and other information as determined by the chief election officer; provided that [no more than the last four digits of] a voter’s social security number or any portion thereof and the year portion of the voter’s date of birth shall not be required;
- (6) A sworn certification by self-subscribing oath by the candidate that the candidate qualifies under the law for the office the candidate is seeking and that the candidate has determined that, except for the information provided by the registered voters signing the nomination papers, all of the information on the nomination papers is true and correct;
- (7) A sworn certification by self-subscribing oath by a party candidate that the candidate is a member of the party;
- (8) For candidates seeking elective county office, a sworn certification by self-subscribing oath by the candidate that the candidate has complied with the relevant provisions of the applicable county charter and county ordinances pertaining to elected officials;
- (9) A sworn certification by self-subscribing oath, where applicable, by the candidate that the candidate has complied with the provisions of article II, section 7, of the Hawaii State Constitution;
- (10) A sworn certification by self-subscribing oath by the candidate that the candidate is in compliance with section 831-2, dealing with felons, and is eligible to run for office; and
- (11) The name the candidate wishes to be printed on the ballot and the mailing address of the candidate.”

SECTION 2. Section 12-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) Any registered voter who, after signing a nomination paper, seeks to withdraw the voter’s signature shall do so by providing written notice to the chief election officer, or clerk in the case of a county office, any time before the filing of the candidate’s nomination paper; provided that the notice is received by the chief election officer, or clerk in the case of a county office, no later than 4:30 p.m. on the fourth business day prior to the close of filing pursuant to section 12-6. The written notice shall include the voter’s name, ~~[social security number]~~, residence address, the month and date portions of the voter’s date of birth, the voter’s signature, the name of the candidate, and a statement that the voter wishes to remove the voter’s signature from the candidate’s nomination paper[-]; provided that the written notice shall not require the voter’s social security number or any portion thereof and the year portion of the voter’s date of birth. Any request by a registered voter to remove the voter’s signature from a candidate’s nomination paper that is received by the chief election officer, or clerk in the case of a county office, after the candidate’s nomination paper has been filed or after 4:30 p.m. on the fourth business day prior to the close of filing shall not be accepted.”

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

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

(Approved April 23, 2019.)