

JAN 21 2011

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BALLOTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-116, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§11-116 Checking ballot form and layout by the public,
4 candidates, and parties. (a) As soon as is reasonably
5 practicable after the close of filing and after a ballot is
6 initially formatted pursuant to this part, the chief election
7 officer and the county clerk shall allow public input on the
8 facsimile ballot prior to its finalization and its printing.
9 Electronic copies of facsimile ballots shall be accessible for
10 review on the office of elections website. The facsimile
11 ballots shall show the typefaces used, the spelling and
12 placement of names, and other information on the ballot. Each
13 facsimile ballot posted on the office of elections website shall
14 allow the public to submit comments on the facsimile ballot via
15 electronic means.

16 (b) [~~Facsimiles~~] After the public comment period described
17 in subsection (a), facsimiles of all ballot layouts prior to
18 printing shall be available for viewing by the candidates and



1 the parties at the office of the chief election officer and the
 2 county clerk [~~as seen after the close of filing as they are~~
 3 available. ~~Such layout facsimiles shall show the typefaces~~
 4 used, the spelling and placement of names, and other information

5 ~~on the ballot].~~
 6 (c) The chief election officer or the county clerk, as
 7 applicable, may revise the layout and form of the ballot in
 8 response to comments received pursuant to subsections (a) and
 9 (b) from the public, candidates, and parties."

10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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 The following signatures are present over a horizontal line:
 1. A signature that appears to read "The Honorable".
 2. A large, stylized signature.
 3. A signature that appears to read "Mike Gifford".
 4. A signature that appears to read "M. H. ...".



Report Title:

Elections; Ballots; Public Input on Ballot Layout

Description:

Requires elections office to allow public input in ballot layout prior to printing. Requires elections office to post ballots online and allows for public comments. Gives elections office ability to make changes to ballot layout in response to input from the public, candidates, and parties.

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