
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BALLOTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-112, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§11-112 Contents of ballot. (a) The ballot shall
4 contain the names of the candidates, their party affiliation or
5 nonpartisanship in partisan election contests, the offices for
6 which they are running, and the district in which the election
7 is being held. In multimember races the ballot shall state that
8 the voter shall not vote for more than the number of seats
9 available or the number of candidates listed where such number
10 is less than the seats available.

11 (b) The ballot may include questions concerning proposed
12 state constitutional amendments, proposed county charter
13 amendments, or proposed initiative or referendum issues.

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

16 (d) When the electronic voting system is used, the ballot
17 may have pre-punched codes and printed information which



1 identify the voting districts, precincts, and ballot sets to
2 facilitate the electronic data processing of these ballots.

3 (e) The name of the candidate may be printed with the
4 Hawaiian or English equivalent or nickname, if the candidate so
5 requests in writing at the time the candidate's nomination
6 papers are filed. Candidates' names, including the Hawaiian or
7 English equivalent or nickname, shall be set on one line.

8 (f) The ballot shall bear no word, motto, device, sign, or
9 symbol other than allowed in this title.

10 (g) An alternate ballot, containing the information set
11 forth in this section and written in the Hawaiian language,
12 shall be made available upon request."

13 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
15 and shall apply to elections held after January 1, 2021.

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Report Title:

Elections; Ballot; Hawaiian Language

Description:

Requires that Hawaiian language ballots be made available in each election upon voter request. Applies to elections held after 1/1/2021. (SD1)

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