
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 13-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Members of the board of education shall be [~~nominated~~
4 ~~at a primary election and~~] elected at the general election.

5 Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the candidates for
6 the board of education shall be elected in the manner prescribed
7 by this title.

8 (1) Nomination papers, preparation of. The chief election
9 officer shall prepare nomination papers in such a
10 manner that a candidate desiring to file for election
11 to the board of education shall be able to specify
12 whether the candidate is seeking a seat requiring
13 residency in a particular departmental school district
14 or a seat without such residency requirement.

15 (2) Ballot. The school board ballot shall be prepared in
16 such a manner as to afford every voter eligible to
17 vote in a school board district race the opportunity



1 to vote for each and every candidate seeking election
2 from that school board district.

3 The school board ballot shall contain the names
4 of all board candidates arranged alphabetically in a
5 nonpartisan manner; provided that the names of
6 candidates seeking seats requiring residency in a
7 particular departmental school district shall be
8 grouped alphabetically according to departmental
9 school districts.

10 ~~[(3) Primary election. Two candidates receiving the most~~
11 ~~votes for each available seat shall be nominated for~~
12 ~~the general election. If, after the close of filing~~
13 ~~of nomination papers, there are only two qualified~~
14 ~~candidates for any seat requiring residency in a~~
15 ~~particular departmental school district, the chief~~
16 ~~election officer shall declare those two candidates~~
17 ~~duly nominated for the general election. The names of~~
18 ~~those two candidates shall not appear on the primary~~
19 ~~election ballot.~~

20 ~~(4)]~~ (3) General election. Each voter in the general
21 election shall be entitled to receive the school board



1 ballot and to vote for the number of seats available
2 in the respective school board districts."

3 (c) Ballot. The board of trustees ballot shall be
4 prepared [~~in such a manner that~~] to afford every voter qualified
5 and registered under section 13D-3 [~~shall be afforded~~] the
6 opportunity to vote for each and every candidate seeking
7 election to the board. The ballot shall contain the names of
8 all board candidates arranged alphabetically; provided that the
9 names of candidates seeking seats requiring residency on a
10 particular island shall also be grouped by island of residency.
11 Each eligible voter shall be entitled to receive the board of
12 trustees ballot and to vote for the number of seats available."

13 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Board of Education; General Election

Description:

Provides that candidates for board of education offices shall be elected in the general election.

