
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 12-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3 "**§12-21 Official party ballots.** (a) The primary or
4 special primary ballot shall be clearly designated as such. The
5 names of the candidates of each party qualifying under section
6 11-61 or 11-62 and of nonpartisan candidates [~~may~~] shall be
7 printed on [~~separate ballots, or on~~] a single ballot. The name
8 of each party and the nonpartisan designation shall be
9 distinctly printed and sufficiently separate from each other.
10 The names of all candidates shall be printed on the ballot as
11 provided in section 11-115. When the names of all candidates of
12 the same party for the same office exceed the maximum number of
13 voting positions on a single side of a ballot card, the excess
14 names may be arranged and listed on both sides of the ballot
15 card and additional ballot cards if necessary. [~~When separate~~
16 ~~ballots for each party are not used, the~~] The order in which
17 parties appear on the ballot, including nonpartisan, shall be
18 determined by lot.



1 (b) The chief election officer or the county clerk, in the
2 case of county elections, shall approve printed samples or
3 proofs of the respective party ballots as to uniformity of size,
4 weight, shape, and thickness prior to final printing of the
5 official ballots."

6 SECTION 2. Section 12-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "**§12-31 Selection of party ballot; voting.** No person
9 eligible to vote in any primary or special primary election
10 shall be required to state a party preference or nonpartisanship
11 as a condition of voting. Each voter shall be issued the
12 primary or special primary ballot [~~for each party and the~~
13 ~~nonpartisan primary or special primary ballot~~]. A voter shall
14 be entitled to vote [~~only~~] for candidates of [~~one~~] any party or
15 [~~only~~] for nonpartisan candidates. [~~If the primary or special~~
16 ~~primary ballot is marked contrary to this paragraph, the ballot~~
17 ~~shall not be counted.~~

18 ~~In any primary or special primary election in the year 1979~~
19 ~~and thereafter, a voter shall be entitled to select and to vote~~
20 ~~the ballot of any one party or nonpartisan, regardless of which~~
21 ~~ballot the voter voted in any preceding primary or special~~
22 ~~primary election.]"~~



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

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

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Report Title:

Voting; Ballot Selection

Description:

Requires names of candidates to be printed on a single ballot.
Allows voter to vote for candidates of more than one party.

