
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§11- Candidates for public office; public service
5 announcements; public funds. (a) No person who is a candidate
6 for office shall appear in, or lend the person's name, image, or
7 voice to, any public service announcement or any advertisement
8 that is produced on behalf of any state-administered program or
9 paid for with state or public funds, from the time the candidate
10 files nomination papers until the day after the day of:

11 (1) The primary election, in the case of a candidate in a
12 primary election who fails to be nominated to stand
13 in a general election; or

14 (2) The general election, in the case of a candidate who
15 is nominated in a primary election and seeks election
16 in a general election.

17 (b) A candidate who is a public official shall be exempt
18 from the prohibition specified in subsection (a) if the



1 announcement or advertisement is in response to a disaster or
2 state or national emergency; provided that the announcement or
3 advertisement is reasonably necessary for an official function
4 of the candidate.

5 (c) This section shall not be construed to prohibit a
6 candidate from appearing in a broadcast of official state or
7 county proceedings."

8 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Candidates for Public Office; Public Service Announcements

Description:

Prohibits candidates for public office from appearing in public service announcements from the time of filing nomination papers until the time the person is no longer a candidate. (HB389 HD1)

