
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 public office shall appear in, or lend the person's name,
7 image, or voice to, any public service announcement or any
8 advertisement that is produced on behalf of any state-
9 administered program or paid for with state, county or federal
10 revenues, from the time the candidate files nomination papers
11 until the day after the day of:

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

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



1 (b) A candidate who holds public office shall be exempt
2 from the prohibition specified in subsection (a) if the
3 announcement or advertisement is in anticipation of or in
4 response to a disaster or state or national emergency; provided
5 that the announcement or advertisement is reasonably necessary
6 for an official function of the candidate.

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

10 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

11 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 SD1)

