
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; debate. All candidates for the office
5 of United States senator, United States house of
6 representatives, governor, county mayor, the state house of
7 representatives, and the state senate shall be required to enter
8 into at least one debate with all of their opponents before the
9 primary election, and at least one debate with their opponent
10 after the primary election, but before the general election.
11 The debate shall be sponsored by a nonpartisan or bipartisan
12 organization."

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for the
16 purpose of holding debates between all candidates for the office
17 of United States Senator, United States House of Representative,



1 governor, county mayor, state house of representatives, and
2 state senate, respectively.

3 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
4 department of accounting and general services for the purposes
5 of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Elections; Candidates; Debates

Description:

Requires candidates for the office of U.S. senate, U.S. house of representatives, governor, county mayor, the state house of representatives, and the state senate to enter into a debate with their opponents before the primary election and after the primary election, but before the general election.

