
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 part VIII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§11- Digital voter information guide. (a) The office
5 of elections shall prepare a digital voter information guide
6 that shall be posted on its website. The digital voter
7 information guide shall be posted in a screen reader accessible
8 format for voters with special needs unable to read standard
9 print due to disability. The office of elections shall provide
10 a translation of the digital voter information guide in 'Olelo
11 Hawai'i on its website. The office of elections shall print and
12 mail a physical copy of the digital voter information guide to
13 voters upon request. The digital voter information guide shall
14 include:

15 (1) A photo and short statement of less than one hundred
16 fifty words for each candidate running for office to
17 be prepared by the candidate; provided that the office



1 of elections may uniformly limit the number of words
2 for the candidate statement by applicable race;
3 (2) A clear and concise explanation drafted by the
4 department of the attorney general of each proposed
5 state constitutional amendment; and
6 (3) A clear and concise explanation drafted by the county
7 corporate counsel for each proposed county charter
8 amendment, or proposed initiative or referendum issue.
9 (b) The office of elections shall prepare a notice that
10 shall be mailed with each ballot in a primary election notifying
11 voters that a digital voter information guide may be found on
12 the office of elections website. The notice shall be sent by
13 email to all voters with special needs who have registered to
14 receive alternate format ballots."

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
18 the office of elections to prepare and mail a notice to voters
19 that a digital voter information guide may be found on the
20 office of elections website.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
2 elections for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 30, 2075;
5 provided that section 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2023.



Report Title:

Digital Voter Information; Guide; Ballot; Office of Elections;
Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Office of Elections to prepare a digital voter registration guide to be posted on its website. Requires the Office of Election to mail a notice with each ballot notifying voters that a voter information guide may be found on its website. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 7/30/2075.
(SD1)

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