

JAN 26 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-384, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

4 "(a) ~~[The]~~ Except as provided in subsection (c), a
5 candidate committee and candidate who receives contributions for
6 an election but fails to file nomination papers for that
7 election shall return residual funds to the contributors no
8 later than ninety days after the date on which nominations for
9 that election shall be filed. Funds not returned to
10 contributors shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign
11 fund."

12 2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

13 "(c) [A] Any candidate who is elected to office, including
14 a candidate subject to term limits and a candidate who resigned
15 before the end of the term of office and the candidate committee
16 of ~~[such-a]~~ the candidate, may use campaign funds as provided in
17 section 11-381 or return funds to contributors until four years



1 from the date of the election for which the campaign funds were
2 received[-]; provided that a candidate who does not seek
3 nomination for re-election or election to any other elective
4 office may use, at the end of that candidate's term of office,
5 campaign funds as provided in section 11-381 without regard to
6 any election period or return funds to contributors, until four
7 years from the end of that candidate's term of office. Funds
8 that are not used or returned to contributors shall escheat to
9 the Hawaii election campaign fund."

10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

13 INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 3319

Report Title:

Campaign Finance; Elected Officials; Election Period; Retirement

Description:

Clarifies that candidates who do not seek reelection or election to any other office may use the campaign funds without regard to any election period or return funds to contributors until four years from the end of that candidate's term of office.

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