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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

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

3 **"§11-2 Chief election officer; duties.** (a) The chief  
4 election officer shall supervise all state elections. The chief  
5 election officer may delegate responsibilities in state  
6 elections within a county to the clerk of that county or to  
7 other specified persons.

8 (b) The chief election officer shall be responsible for  
9 the maximization of registration of eligible electors throughout  
10 the State. In maximizing registration, the chief election  
11 officer shall make an effort to equalize registration between  
12 districts, with particular effort in those districts in which  
13 the chief election officer determines registration is lower than  
14 desirable. The chief election officer, in carrying out this  
15 function, may make surveys, carry on house-to-house canvassing,  
16 and assist or direct the clerk in any other area of  
17 registration.



1 (c) The chief election officer shall maintain data  
2 concerning registered voters, elections, apportionment, and  
3 districting. The chief election officer shall use this data to  
4 assist the reapportionment commission provided for under  
5 ~~[Article]~~ article IV of the Constitution.

6 (d) The chief election officer shall be responsible for  
7 public education with respect to voter registration and  
8 information.

9 (e) The chief election officer shall develop and  
10 distribute a voter information guide for all candidates running  
11 for state office, including candidates for any trustee position  
12 of the office of Hawaiian affairs. The voter information guide  
13 may be distributed by whatever means practical given the  
14 resources available to the chief election officer, including but  
15 not limited to electronic distribution, mail, or newspaper, and  
16 may be distributed in different versions to fit the respective  
17 electoral districts or regions. In each regular session of the  
18 legislature that immediately precedes an election year, the  
19 chief election officer shall request an appropriation that is  
20 sufficient to carry out the purposes of this subsection, to be  
21 effective in the year in which the election is to be held.



1           ~~(e)~~ (f) The chief election officer shall adopt rules  
2 governing elections in accordance with chapter 91."

3           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
6 the office of elections to develop and distribute a voter  
7 information guide for all candidates running for state office,  
8 including candidates for any trustee position of the office of  
9 Hawaiian affairs.

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

12           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2222,  
15 and shall be repealed on March 1, 2024.

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**Report Title:**

Elections; Chief Election Officer; Voter Information Guide;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the chief election officer to develop and distribute a voter information guide for all candidates running for state office, including candidates running for any trustee position of the office of Hawaiian affairs. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/2222. Sunsets 3/1/2024. (HD1)

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