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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. The legislature finds that county neighborhood
2 boards have very competitive elections with more candidates
3 receiving campaign contributions to finance their election. The
4 legislature is concerned about possible undue interest group
5 influence in the neighborhood board elections, in view of the
6 current practice of mailing out newsletters, brochures, or door
7 flyers to promote a candidate.

8 The legislature further finds that campaign contributions
9 used by candidates for neighborhood boards to finance the
10 printing and mailing of campaign materials should be disclosed.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 12 (1) Repeal the exclusion of county neighborhoods boards
13 from campaign finance laws; and
- 14 (2) Require an organizational report to be filed with the
15 campaign spending commission by any neighborhood board
16 candidate who receives contributions or makes



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1 expenditures of more than a specified statutory amount
2 for the printing and mailing of campaign material.

3 SECTION 2. Section 11-302, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending the definition of "office" to read as
5 follows:

6 "Office" means any Hawaii elective public or
7 constitutional office, excluding [~~county neighborhood board and~~]
8 federal elective offices."

9 SECTION 3. Section 11-321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

11 "(d) The organizational report for a candidate committee
12 shall be filed within ten days of the earlier of:

13 (1) The date the candidate files nomination papers for
14 office; or

15 (2) The date the candidate or candidate committee receives
16 contributions or makes or incurs expenditures of more
17 than \$100 in the aggregate during the applicable
18 election period~~[=]~~, or in the case of a candidate for
19 a neighborhood board, the date the candidate or
20 candidate's committee receives contributions or makes
21 expenditures that amount to more than \$1,000, for



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1 printing, mailings, and related expenditure for
2 printing and mailings in the aggregate during the
3 applicable election period, whichever occurs first."

4 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:





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Report Title:

Neighborhood Boards; Election Campaigns; Contributions

Description:

Applies the campaign finance laws to candidates for the neighborhood boards. Requires candidate committees for neighborhood board elections to file an organizational report with the Campaign Spending Commission regarding campaign contributions used for printing and mailing campaign material.

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