ACT 27

H.B. NO. 922

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Disposition of Financial Disclosure Statements. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 84-17.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (a), (b), and (c) to read as follows:

"(a) All financial disclosure statements filed by a legislator, employee, or delegate to a constitutional convention shall be maintained by the state ethics commission during the term of office of the legislator, employee, or delegate and for a period of three years thereafter. Upon the expiration of the three-year period, the financial disclosure statement and all copies thereof shall be destroyed [or returned to the filer. The state ethics commission shall afford a legislator, employee, or delegate a reasonable opportunity to request return of his or her disclosure statement and copies thereof after the three-year period has run].

(b) Upon the expiration of three years after an election for which a candidate for state elective office or a constitutional convention has filed a financial disclosure statement, the state ethics commission shall destroy the candidate's financial disclosure statement and all copies thereof [or return the statement and all copies thereof to the candidate. The state ethics commission shall afford a candidate a reasonable opportunity to request return of the candidate's disclosure state-

ment and copies thereof after the three-year period has run].

(c) Financial disclosure statements provided for in section 84-17(d) shall cease to be public records once the three-year period [provided for in paragraphs] in subsection (a) or (b) [above] has run."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved April 15, 1993.)