ACT 49

H.B. NO. 1502

A Bill for an Act Relating to Candidates' Financial Disclosure Statements.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (j) to read as follows:

''(j) The chief election officer, upon receipt of the nomination paper of any person seeking a state elective office, including the office of delegate to the constitutional convention, shall notify the ethics commission of the name of the candidate for state office and the date on which the person filed the nomination

paper. The ethics commission, upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing, shall release to the public a list of all candidates who have failed to file financial disclosure statements[.] and shall immediately assess a late filing penalty fee against those candidates of \$25 which shall be collected by the state ethics commission and deposited into the general fund. The ethics commission may investigate, initiate, or receive charges as to whether a candidate's financial disclosure statement discloses the financial interests required to be disclosed. After proceeding in conformance with section 84-31, the ethics commission may issue a decision as to whether a candidate has complied with section 84-17(f) and this decision shall be a matter of public record."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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 25, 1995.)