H.B. NO. 2522

A Bill for an Act Relating to Parties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) The petition shall be subject to hearing under chapter 91, if any objections are raised by the chief election officer or any other political party. All objections shall be made not later than 4:30 p.m. on the [tenth] twentieth business day after the petition has been filed. The chief election officer may extend the objection period up to an additional ten business days, if the group of persons desiring to qualify as a political party is provided with notice of extension and the reasons therefore. If no objections are raised by 4:30 p.m. on the [tenth] twentieth business day, or the extension thereof, the petition shall be approved. If an objection is raised, a decision shall be rendered not later than 4:30 p.m. on the thirtieth day after filing of the [petition] objection or not later than 4:30 p.m. on the one hundredth day prior to the primary, whichever shall first occur."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.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 29, 1998.)