

ACT 283

S.B. NO. 555

A Bill for an Act Relating to Campaign Fundraising.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that campaign fundraiser events held during legislative sessions diminish the public trust.

The purpose of this Act is to prohibit elected state and county officials from holding fundraiser events to raise contributions for which any price is charged or any contribution is suggested for attendance during regular or special sessions of the state legislature.

SECTION 2. Section 11-342, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

~~“[§11-342] Fundraiser; fundraiser event; notice of intent[-]; when prohibited.~~ (a) No fundraiser shall be held unless a notice of intent to hold the fundraiser is filed with the commission setting forth the name and address of the person in charge, the price per person, the date, hour, and place of the fundraiser, and the method thereof.

(b) The person in charge of the fundraiser shall file the notice with the commission prior to the fundraiser.

(c) During any regular session or special session of the state legislature, including any extension of any regular session or special session and any legislative recess days, holidays, and weekends, no elected official shall hold a fundraiser event.

~~[(e)] (d)~~ As used in this section[, “fundraiser”]:

“Elected official” means an individual who currently holds an elected state or county office, including the governor, lieutenant governor, state senator, state representative, trustee of the office of Hawaiian affairs, county mayor, county council member, county prosecuting attorney, and any individual appointed to serve in any of the aforementioned offices.

“Fundraiser” means any function held for the benefit of a candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee that is intended or designed, directly or indirectly, to raise contributions for which the price or suggested contribution for attending the function is more than \$25 per person.

“Fundraiser event” means any function held for the benefit of an elected official that is intended or designed, directly or indirectly, to raise contributions for which any price is charged or any contribution is suggested for attending the function.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

(Approved July 12, 2022.)