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FACTSHEET

CANDIDATES NOT APPEARING ON BALLOTS

Candidates who are unopposed for elected state and county offices will not appear on a ballot in the following circumstances:

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| STATE OFFICES: | | |
| State Senator | Candidates who are unopposed in the general election will not appear on the general election ballot. <i>Such candidates are elected at the primary election.</i> | State Constitution Article III, Section 4 |
| State Representative | Candidates who are unopposed in the general election will not appear on the general election ballot. <i>Such candidates are elected at the primary election.</i> | State Constitution Article III, Section 4 |
| Board of Education | Unopposed at Close of Filing: Candidates who are unopposed at the close of filing will not appear on the primary or general election ballots. <i>Such candidates are elected after the close of filing of nomination papers.</i> | Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 13-3(b) |
| Board of Education | Candidates for Seat With Departmental District Residency Requirement: If, after the close of filing, there are only two qualified candidates for any seat requiring residency in a particular departmental school district, the names of the two candidates will not appear on the primary election ballot. | |

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| Board of Education | Such candidates are nominated for the general election at the close of filing and their names will not appear on the primary election ballot. | |
| Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Trustee | Candidates who are unopposed in the OHA Special Election (held in conjunction with the general election) will not appear on the OHA ballot. Such candidates are elected after the close of filing of nomination papers. | Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 12-42(a) |
| COUNTY OFFICES: | | |
| City & County of Honolulu Offices | Candidates who win the first special election (held in conjunction with the primary election) by a majority (50% + 1 vote) of the votes cast for the office will not appear in the second special election (held in conjunction with the general election). Such candidates are elected at the first special election (held in conjunction with the primary election). | City & County of Honolulu Charter Article XIII, Section 13-116 |
| County of Hawaii Offices | Candidates who are unopposed in the general election will not appear on the general election ballot. Such candidates are elected at the primary election. | Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 12-41(a) |
| County of Maui Offices | If there are two or fewer candidates for any seat, the names of the candidates shall appear only on the ballot for the second special election (held in conjunction with the General Election). | County of Maui Charter, Sections 3-2 and 7-2 |
| County of Kauai Offices | Mayor and Prosecuting Attorney: Candidates who win the first nonpartisan election (held with the primary election) by a majority (50% + 1 vote) of the votes cast for the office will not appear in the second nonpartisan election (held with the general election). Such candidates are elected at the first nonpartisan election (held in conjunction with the primary election). | County of Kauai Charter Article I, Section 1.03 |

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County of Kauai Offices

County Council:

Candidates who win the first nonpartisan election (held in conjunction with the primary election) by receiving at least thirty percent (30%) of all votes cast for all at-large council offices will not appear in the second nonpartisan election (held in conjunction with the general election). ***Such candidates are elected at the first nonpartisan election (held in conjunction with the primary election).***

This Fact Sheet is intended for informational purposes only and should not be used as an authority on the Hawaii election law and candidate deadlines. Requirements and/or deadlines may change pending changes in legislation. Consult the Hawaii Revised Statutes and other sources for more detailed and accurate requirements.

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