

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I:

Section 1. Article XV, section 15-1, Hawai'i County Charter, is amended to read as follows, with added language underscored and deleted language bracketed:

“Section 15-1. Initiation of Amendments or Revisions.

Amendments or revisions of this charter may be initiated only in the following manner:

- (a) By ordinance of the council adopted after three readings on separate days and passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire membership.
- (b) By petition presented to the council, signed by qualified electors equal in number to at least twenty percent of the ~~[registered voters for]~~ valid votes cast the last preceding general election, setting forth the proposed amendments or revisions. Such petition shall designate and authorize not less than three nor more than five of the signers thereto to approve any alteration or change in the form or language or any restatement of the text of the proposed amendments or revisions which may be made by the corporation counsel.

Each elector signing such petition shall print their ~~[names, add their signatures, residence address, and the dates of signing on said petition]~~ name, which shall be reasonably similar to their name as it appears on the general county register for the County of Hawai'i, residence address, and add their signature, month and day of their birth date, and the last four digits of their social security number on said petition. Signatures may be on separate sheets but each sheet shall have appended to it the affidavit of some person that to the best of the affiant's knowledge and belief the persons whose signatures appear on the sheet are registered electors of the county, that they signed with knowledge of the contents of the petition and that their residences are correctly given.

Upon filing of such petition with the council, the county clerk shall examine the same to see whether it contains a sufficient number of apparently genuine signatures of registered voters. The clerk may question the genuineness of any signature appearing on the petition or affidavit. If the clerk finds that any such signature on the petition or affidavit is not genuine, the clerk shall disregard such signature. The clerk shall eliminate any sheet of the petition which is not accompanied by a valid affidavit. The invalidity of any sheet shall not affect the validity of the petition if a sufficient number of signatures remain after eliminating such invalid sheet. The clerk shall complete the examination of the petition within ~~[twenty]~~ thirty working days.”

Section 2. This amendment shall take effect upon approval by the electorate.