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Proposal Submittal Information

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Common Cause Hawaii

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Charter Amendment Proposal Form

1. Please provide a brief description of: The Proposed Charter amendment, the purpose of the proposed Charter amendment, the issue or problem to be addressed by the proposal, and how the proposal would address the issue or problem.:

Proposed Charter amendment: Use an instant runoff (or, Ranked Choice) system for county elections for vacancies.

Issue/problem to be addressed: The County already uses a runoff system for its regular elections: The first round is the primary election that reduces the field of candidates to two per office. The General Election is the runoff between these candidates. This system ensures that the winning candidate receives at least 50% of the votes in the General Election. However, when there is a vacancy in a county office, this runoff system does not occur. The special election to fill such vacancies is a "winner-take-all" election. When there are multiple candidates for a single office, the winner may receive far less than a majority of the votes cast.

To make our Honolulu County special elections to fill vacancies consistent with our general elections, and to make the outcome of those elections more accurately reflect the will of the voters, we propose using an instant runoff system of voting (also known as Ranked Choice Voting) whenever there will not be both a primary and a general election.

2. If applicable, list the Charter provision(s) affected by the proposal:

Section 3-106 (Vacancies)

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or laws of another jurisdiction (e.g., another county, city, or municipality), name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of each provision or law.:

N/A

Relevant Provision:

N/A

4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy of each with a citation to its source.:

N/A

5. Attach the text of the proposed Charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see instructions below).:

RCV for Vacancies - Honolulu Charter Proposal - Ramseyer Format Common Cause Hawaii.pdf
([http://honoluluchartercommission.org/images/jsnuniform/jsnuniform_uploads/2/201510301802th27_5722514250886_rcv_for_vacancies - honolulu charter proposal - ramseyer format common cause hawaii.pdf](http://honoluluchartercommission.org/images/jsnuniform/jsnuniform_uploads/2/201510301802th27_5722514250886_rcv_for_vacancies_-_honolulu_charter_proposal_-_ramseyer_format_common_cause_hawaii.pdf))

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- **AMENDING AN EXISTING CHARTER PROVISION:** Indicate by underscoring, any language being proposed to be added to the Charter and indicate by [bracketing], any language being proposed to be deleted from the Charter.
- **REPLACING AN EXISTING CHARTER PROVISION:** [Bracket] the article, chapter, or section of the Charter proposed to be deleted, and underscore the text of any provision proposed to replace the deleted material.
- **ADDING A NEW CHARTER PROVISION:** Provide the text of the new provision and, if possible, indicate where in the Charter the new material should be added.

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All proposals must be submitted by October 31, 2015.

If for any reason you are having difficulty using our online submission process, you may submit your proposal by mail or email:

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