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FACTSHEET
CANDIDATE RESIGNATION REQUIREMENTS
HAWAII ELECTIVE OFFICES

Office Held	Office Sought	Action
Federal Office	Federal, State or County Office	No resignation requirement. ⁽¹⁾
State Office	Federal Office	No resignation requirement. ⁽¹⁾
	State or County Office	Must resign only if the office currently held is not scheduled for election at the same election in which the person is a candidate for another office.*
County Office	Federal Office	No resignation requirement. ⁽¹⁾
	State or County Office	Must resign only if the office currently held is not scheduled for election at the same election in which the person is a candidate for another office.*

NOTE: The "resign to run" provisions are found in Article II, Section 7 of the Hawaii State Constitution: "Any elected public officer shall resign from that office before being eligible as a candidate for another public office, if the term of the office sought begins before the end of the term of the office held."

⁽¹⁾ The Hawaii supreme court has determined that this section was only meant to apply to office holders who intend to be a candidate for another state or county office and not for office holders who wish to be candidates for a federal office. See Cobb v. Hawaii, 68 Haw. 564 (1986).

A person who is required to resign from a state or county office currently held must do so no later than when nomination papers for the office sought are filed. (Attorney General Opinion No. 86-4)

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