

Resolution

No. 26-94

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
(1983), AS AMENDED, ON PUBLISHING
DIGESTS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S BILLS

WHEREAS, Subsection 4-2(4) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, states: "Digests of all bills that pass first reading and the votes thereon shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least three days before final reading"; and

WHEREAS, the Council traditionally publishes digests in *The Maui News*; and

WHEREAS, *The Maui News* now only publishes a physical newspaper once week, making it difficult for the Council to fulfill the digest-publishing requirement; and

WHEREAS, the digests could be disseminated online instead, making them still accessible to the public while removing the constraints of publishing them in a physical newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the voters should decide if the Charter should be amended so that digests may be posted online instead of in the newspaper; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That, in accordance with Section 14-1(1), Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, it proposes that Charter Subsection 4-2(4) be amended to read as follows, with deleted material in brackets and new material underscored:

"4. Digests of all bills that pass first reading and the votes [thereon shall] on each bill must be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County or online on a website maintained by the County at least three days before final reading.";

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2. That, in accordance with Charter Section 14-2(1), this Resolution be submitted to the voters of the County of Maui at the next general election;

3. That the County Clerk prepare the necessary ballot for presentation to the voters at the next general election;

4. That, in accordance with Charter Section 14-1(1), it proposes that the following question be placed on the next general election ballot:

“Shall the Charter be amended, effective January 2, 2027, to allow digests of all County Council bills that pass first reading and the votes on each bill to be published online on a website maintained by the County—instead of in a newspaper of general circulation in the County—at least three days before final reading?”;

5. That, in accordance with Charter Section 14-2(2), the County Clerk must publish the proposed amendment in this Resolution in its entirety in a newspaper of general circulation;

6. That, on approval by a majority of the voters voting on the proposed amendment and on official certification of the result, the amendment proposed in this Resolution takes effect on January 2, 2027;

7. That, as authorized by Charter Section 14-4, the County Clerk must revise and publish in its entirety a revised Charter including amendments adopted in this Resolution and renumber provisions and cross-references as may be necessary by the approval of the revisions or amendments; and

8. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and County Clerk.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Department of the Corporation Counsel
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