A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an
- 2 amendment to article V, section 1, of the Constitution of the
- 3 State of Hawaii to reduce the age of eligibility to become
- 4 governor of the State of Hawaii to twenty-five years.
- 5 SECTION 2. Article V, section 1 of the Constitution of the
- 6 State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

7 "ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE

- **8** Section 1. The executive power of the State shall be
- 9 vested in a governor. The governor shall be elected by the
- 10 qualified voters of this State at a general election. The
- 11 person receiving the highest number of votes shall be the
- 12 governor. In case of a tie vote, the selection of the governor
- 13 shall be determined as provided by law.
- 14 The term of office of the governor shall begin at noon on
- 15 the first Monday in December next following the governor's
- 16 election and end at noon on the first Monday in December, four
- 17 years thereafter.



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No person shall be elected to the office of the governor
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    for more than two consecutive full terms.
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         No person shall be eligible for the office of the governor
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    unless the person shall be a qualified voter, have attained the
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    age of [thirty] twenty-five years and have been a resident of
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    this State for five years immediately preceding the person's
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    election.
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         The governor shall not hold any other office or employment
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    of profit under the State or the United States during the
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    governor's term of office."
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         SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
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    be as follows:
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         "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended
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         to reduce the age at which a person is eligible to be
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         elected governor of the State of Hawaii from thirty years
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         to twenty-five years?"
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         SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
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    bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
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    underscored.
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- 1 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
- 2 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of

3 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

Governor; Election Age

Description:

Proposes an amendment to the constitution to reduce the age of eligibility to become governor to 25 years.