
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE
TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PRACTICE OF FIGHTING GAMECOCKS.

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 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to
3 establish the right to engage in the traditional cultural
4 practice of fighting gamecocks.

5 SECTION 2. Article XII, section 7, of the Constitution of
6 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

7 **"TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY RIGHTS**

8 **Section 7.** The State reaffirms and shall protect all
9 rights, customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence,
10 cultural and religious purposes and possessed by ahupua'a
11 tenants who are descendants of native Hawaiians who inhabited
12 the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778, subject to the right of the
13 State to regulate such rights. The right to engage in the
14 traditional cultural practice of fighting gamecocks shall not be
15 infringed."

16 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
17 be as follows:



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1 "Shall the constitution be amended to guarantee a right to
2 engage in the traditional cultural practice of fighting
3 gamecocks?"

4 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
6 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
7 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; Cockfighting

Description:

Amends the constitution to guarantee a right to engage in the traditional cultural practice of fighting gamecocks.

