
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii
2 Constitution allows for a constitutional convention every ten
3 years. A constitutional convention provides the public with a
4 forum to discuss and recommend possible amendments to the Hawaii
5 Constitution. However, a constitutional convention is also a
6 major investment for the State both in time and money and should
7 not be voted on without careful consideration.

8 The last constitutional convention was held in 1978, 30
9 years ago. The question of whether to hold a constitutional
10 convention will be on the general election ballot this year.

11 In an effort to educate voters prior to voting on this
12 question, the legislature finds that providing information on
13 the pros and cons of holding a constitutional convention will
14 help voters make an informed decision on the question during the
15 general election.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
17 office of elections to provide voter education on issues
18 relating to holding a constitutional convention, by means of



1 print, radio, television, and other media, including a
2 discussion of the reasons for and against holding a
3 constitutional convention.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for costs
7 associated with voter education on issues relating to holding a
8 constitutional convention, by means of print, radio, television,
9 and other media, including a discussion of the reasons for and
10 against holding a constitutional convention.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
12 elections for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

Constitutional Convention; Voter Education; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Office of Elections to provide voter education in print, radio, television, and other media on the reasons for and against holding a constitutional convention.

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