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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO  
EDUCATION.

**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 X, section 1, of the Constitution of the  
3 State of Hawaii to require the public school system to provide a  
4 minimum of one hundred ninety instructional days in a school  
5 year.

6           SECTION 2. Article X, section 1, of the Constitution of  
7 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

8           "**Section 1.** The State shall provide for the establishment,  
9 support and control of a statewide system of public schools free  
10 from sectarian control, a state university, public libraries and  
11 such other educational institutions as may be deemed desirable,  
12 including physical facilities therefor. The statewide public  
13 school system shall provide for a minimum of one hundred ninety  
14 instructional days in each school year. There shall be no  
15 discrimination in public educational institutions because of  
16 race, religion, sex or ancestry; nor shall public funds be  
17 appropriated for the support or benefit of any sectarian or



1 nonsectarian private educational institution, except that  
2 proceeds of special purpose revenue bonds authorized or issued  
3 under section 12 of Article VII may be appropriated to finance  
4 or assist:

5 1. Not-for-profit corporations that provide early  
6 childhood education and care facilities serving the general  
7 public; and

8 2. Not-for-profit private nonsectarian and sectarian  
9 elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges and  
10 universities."

11 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall  
12 be as follows:

13 "Shall the state constitution be amended to require that the  
14 public school system provide a minimum of one hundred ninety  
15 instructional days per school year?"

16 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is  
17 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is  
18 underscored.



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:**

Education

**Description:**

Amends the state constitution to require that the public school system school year have a minimum of 190 instructional days.

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