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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATED TO  
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

**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 III, section 6, of the Constitution of the  
3 State of Hawaii to require candidates for the office of state  
4 senate or house of representatives to be residents of the  
5 district from which they seek to be elected for not less than  
6 twelve consecutive months prior to the next succeeding general  
7 election.

8           SECTION 2. Article III, section 6, of the Constitution of  
9 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

10                                   **"QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

11           **Section 6.** No person shall be eligible to serve as a  
12 member of the senate unless the person has been a resident of  
13 the State for not less than [~~three years,~~] five years and a  
14 resident of the senatorial district from which the person seeks  
15 to be elected for not less than twelve consecutive months prior  
16 to the next succeeding general election, has attained the age of  
17 majority and is, prior to filing nomination papers and



1 thereafter continues to be, a qualified voter of the senatorial  
2 district from which the person seeks to be elected; except that  
3 in the year of the first general election following  
4 reapportionment, but prior to the primary election, an incumbent  
5 senator may move to a new district without being disqualified  
6 from completing the remainder of the incumbent senator's term.  
7 No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the house of  
8 representatives unless the person has been a resident of the  
9 State for not less than [~~three years,~~] five years and a resident  
10 of the representative district from which the person seeks to be  
11 elected for not less than twelve consecutive months prior to the  
12 next succeeding general election, has attained the age of  
13 majority and is, prior to filing nomination papers and  
14 thereafter continues to be, a qualified voter of the  
15 representative district from which the person seeks to be  
16 elected; except that in the year of the first general election  
17 following reapportionment, but prior to the primary election, an  
18 incumbent representative may move to a new district without  
19 being disqualified from completing the remainder of the  
20 incumbent representative's term."

21 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall  
22 be as follows:



1 "Shall candidates for the State senate and house of  
2 representatives be required to be a resident of the  
3 legislative district from which the person seeks to be  
4 elected for not less than twelve consecutive months prior to  
5 the next succeeding general election?"

6 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is  
7 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is  
8 underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Qualifications of State Senators and Representatives; Residency

**Description:**

Amends the state constitution to require candidates for the state senate or house of representatives to be a resident of the legislative district from which the person is a candidate for not less than twelve consecutive months prior to the general election.

