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A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII RELATING TO THE
ELECTION OF THE LIEUTENANT 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 2, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to provide that a candidate for the office of
4 lieutenant governor be formally nominated by a political party
5 at the political party's official convention.

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

8 **"LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

9 **Section 2.** There shall be a lieutenant governor who shall
10 have the same qualifications as the governor. A candidate for
11 lieutenant governor shall be nominated by a political party at
12 the political party's official convention. The lieutenant
13 governor shall be elected at the same time, for the same term
14 and in the same manner as the governor; provided that the votes
15 cast in the general election for the nominee for governor shall
16 be deemed cast for the nominee for lieutenant governor of the



1 same political party. No person shall be elected to the office
 2 of lieutenant governor for more than two consecutive full terms.
 3 The lieutenant governor shall perform such duties as may be
 4 provided by law."

5 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
 6 be as follows:

7 "Shall a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor be
 8 required to be nominated by a political party at the
 9 political party's official convention?"

10 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

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Description:

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