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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE A ONE YEAR DISTRICT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT ON CANDIDATES FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE.

**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 any candidate for state legislative  
4 office to be a resident of the district that the candidate will  
5 represent for at least one year immediately preceding the  
6 general or special election or appointment to the office.

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

9                           "QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

10           Section 6. No person shall be eligible to serve as a  
11 member of the senate unless the person has been a resident of  
12 the State for not less than three years, has been a resident of  
13 the district that the person is to represent for at least one  
14 year immediately preceding the applicable general or special  
15 election or appointment and proves compliance with residency  
16 requirements as provided by law, 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, has been a resident of the  
10 district that the person is to represent for at least one year  
11 immediately preceding the applicable general or special election  
12 or appointment and proves compliance with residency requirements  
13 as provided by law, has attained the age of majority and is,  
14 prior to filing nomination papers and thereafter continues to  
15 be, a qualified voter of the representative district from which  
16 the person seeks to be elected; except that in the year of the  
17 first general election following reapportionment, but prior to  
18 the primary election, an incumbent representative may move to a  
19 new district without being disqualified from completing the  
20 remainder of the incumbent representative's term."

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



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1 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended  
 2 to require a candidate for the state legislature to be a  
 3 resident of the district that the candidate is to represent  
 4 for at least one year immediately preceding the general  
 5 election, special election, or appointment and to prove  
 6 residency as provided by law?"

7 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Residency Requirement; Candidates to the State Legislature

**Description:**

Proposes a constitutional amendment to require any candidate for the state legislature to have been a resident of the district from which the candidate is to be elected or appointed for one year immediately preceding the general or special election or appointment. Requires the candidate to prove residency pursuant to law.

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