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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF  
HAWAII RELATING TO RESIDENCY 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 increase the residency requirements for  
4 candidates for the office of state senate or house of  
5 representatives by requiring the candidates to be residents of  
6 the State for not less than five years and residents of the  
7 district from which they seek to be elected for not less than  
8 twelve consecutive months prior to the next succeeding general  
9 election.

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

12                           **"QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

13           **Section 6.** No person shall be eligible to serve as a member  
14 of the senate unless the person has been a resident of the State  
15 for not less than [~~three years,~~] five years and a resident of  
16 the senatorial district from which the person seeks to be  
17 elected for not less than twelve consecutive months prior to the



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



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1 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall  
2 be as follows:

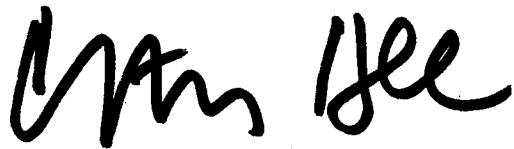
3 "Shall candidates for the State senate and house of  
4 representatives be required to be a resident of the  
5 State for not less than five years and a resident of  
6 the legislative district from which the person seeks  
7 to be elected for not less than twelve consecutive  
8 months prior to the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

9 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is  
10 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is  
11 underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:



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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 State for not less than five years and 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.

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