
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 require a candidate for a seat in the state
4 senate or house of representatives to be domiciled in the
5 district that the candidate seeks to represent 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, and domiciled in the
14 senatorial district that the person seeks to represent for not
15 less than twelve consecutive months prior to the next succeeding
16 general election, has attained the age of majority and is, prior
17 to filing nomination papers and thereafter continues to be, a



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

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



1 "Shall a candidate for a seat in the state senate or
2 state house of representatives be required to be
3 domiciled in the legislative district that the person
4 seeks to represent for not less than twelve
5 consecutive months prior to the next succeeding
6 general election?"
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:

Qualifications of State Senators and Representatives; Residency

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to require candidates for the state senate or state house of representatives to be domiciled in the legislative district they seek to represent for not less than twelve consecutive months prior to the general election. (SD1)

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