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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2, OF THE HAWAII  
STATE CONSTITUTION TO EXTEND THE TIME FRAME FOR THE FILING  
OF REAPPORTIONMENT PLANS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Article IV, section 2, of the Constitution of  
2 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

3                                   **"REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION**

4           **Section 2.** A reapportionment commission shall be  
5 constituted on or before May 1 of each reapportionment year and  
6 whenever reapportionment is required by court order. The  
7 commission shall consist of nine members. The president of the  
8 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall  
9 each select two members. Members of each house belonging to the  
10 party or parties different from that of the president or the  
11 speaker shall designate one of their number for each house and  
12 the two so designated shall each select two members of the  
13 commission. The eight members so selected, promptly after  
14 selection, shall be certified by the selecting authorities to  
15 the chief election officer and within thirty days thereafter,  
16 shall select, by a vote of six members, and promptly certify to



1 the chief election officer the ninth member who shall serve as  
2 chairperson of the commission.

3 Each of the four officials designated above as selecting  
4 authorities for the eight members of the commission, at the time  
5 of the commission selections, shall also select one person from  
6 each basic island unit to serve on an apportionment advisory  
7 council for that island unit. The councils shall remain in  
8 existence during the life of the commission and each shall serve  
9 in an advisory capacity to the commission for matters affecting  
10 its island unit.

11 A vacancy in the commission or a council shall be filled by  
12 the initial selecting authority within fifteen days after the  
13 vacancy occurs. Commission and council positions and vacancies  
14 not filled within the times specified shall be filled promptly  
15 thereafter by the supreme court.

16 The commission shall act by majority vote of its membership  
17 and shall establish its own procedures, except as may be  
18 provided by law.

19 Not more than one hundred [~~fifty~~] eighty days from the date  
20 on which its members are certified, the commission shall file  
21 with the chief election officer a reapportionment plan for the  
22 state legislature and a reapportionment plan for the United



1 States congressional districts which shall become law after  
2 publication as provided by law. Members of the commission shall  
3 hold office until each reapportionment plan becomes effective or  
4 until such time as may be provided by law.

5 No member of the reapportionment commission or an  
6 apportionment advisory council shall be eligible to become a  
7 candidate for election to either house of the legislature or to  
8 the United States House of Representatives in either of the  
9 first two elections under any such reapportionment plan.

10 Commission and apportionment advisory council members shall  
11 be compensated and reimbursed for their necessary expenses as  
12 provided by law.

13 The chief election officer shall be secretary of the  
14 commission without vote and, under the direction of the  
15 commission, shall furnish all necessary technical services. The  
16 legislature shall appropriate funds to enable the commission to  
17 carry out its duties.

18 SECTION 2. The question to be printed on the ballot shall  
19 be as follows:

20 "Shall the deadline for the filing of the reapportionment  
21 plan for the state legislature and the reapportionment plan  
22 for the United States congressional districts be extended



1 from one hundred fifty days to one hundred eighty days from  
2 the date on which the reapportionment commission members are  
3 certified?"

4 SECTION 3. Constitutional material to be repealed is  
5 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is  
6 underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This amendment shall take effect upon  
8 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of  
9 the State of Hawaii.

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INTRODUCED BY: *[Signature]*  
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# S.B. NO. 2551

**Report Title:**

Reapportionment Plan; Deadline; Constitutional Amendment

**Description:**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to extend the deadline for the filing of the reapportionment plan for the state legislature and United States congressional districts from 150 days to 180 days after certification of the commission members.

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