
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE
TERMS OF LEGISLATORS.

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 4, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to limit the terms of members of the legislature
4 to five consecutive terms for a seat in the house of
5 representatives and to three consecutive terms for a seat of the
6 senate, as provided by law.

7 SECTION 2. Article III, section 4, of the Constitution of
8 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

9 **"ELECTION OF MEMBERS; TERM**

10 **Section 4.** Each member of the legislature shall be elected
11 at an election. If more than one candidate has been nominated
12 for election to a seat in the legislature, the member occupying
13 that seat shall be elected at a general election. If a
14 candidate nominated for a seat at a primary election is
15 unopposed for that seat at the general election, the candidate
16 shall be deemed elected at the primary election. The term of
17 office of a member of the house of representatives shall be two



1 years and the term of office of a member of the senate shall be
2 four years. The term of a member of the legislature shall begin
3 on the day of the general election at which elected or if
4 elected at a primary election, on the day of the general
5 election immediately following the primary election at which
6 elected. For a member of the house of representatives, the term
7 shall end on the day of the general election immediately
8 following the day the member's term commences. No person shall
9 be elected to a seat in the house of representatives for more
10 than five consecutive terms, as provided by law. For a member
11 of the senate, the term shall end on the day of the second
12 general election immediately following the day the member's term
13 commences. No person shall be elected to a seat in the senate
14 for more than three consecutive terms, as provided by law."

15 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
16 be as follows:

17 "Shall the members of the legislature be subject to term
18 limits of five consecutive terms (ten years) for a seat in
19 the house of representatives and of three consecutive terms
20 (twelve years) for a seat in the senate, as provided by
21 law?"

22 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

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Description:

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