
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 15, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC COPIES, AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PRINTED COPIES, OF A BILL TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS OF A HOUSE IN WHICH THE BILL IS BEING VOTED UPON FOR THIRD OR FINAL READING IN FULFILLMENT OF THE FORTY-EIGHT HOUR AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENT.

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 15, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to allow electronic copies, as an alternative to
4 printed copies, of a bill to be made available for members of a
5 house in which the bill is being voted upon for third or final
6 reading.

7 SECTION 2. Article III, section 15, of the Constitution of
8 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

9 **"PASSAGE OF BILLS**

10 **Section 15.** No bill shall become law unless it shall pass
11 three readings in each house on separate days. No bill shall
12 pass third or final reading in either house unless printed or
13 electronic copies of the bill in the form to be passed shall
14 have been made available to the members of that house for at
15 least forty-eight hours.



1 Every bill when passed by the house in which it originated,
 2 or in which amendments thereto shall have originated, shall
 3 immediately be certified by the presiding officer and clerk and
 4 sent to the other house for consideration.

5 Any bill pending at the final adjournment of a regular
 6 session in an odd-numbered year shall carry over with the same
 7 status to the next regular session. Before the carried-over
 8 bill is enacted, it shall pass at least one reading in the house
 9 in which the bill originated."

10 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
 11 be as follows:

12 "Shall an electronic copy, as an alternative to a printed
 13 copy, of a bill be made available to members of a house in
 14 which the bill is being voted upon for third or final
 15 reading in fulfillment of the forty-eight hour availability
 16 requirement?"

17 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
 19 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
 20 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

Electronic Copy

Description:

Allows electronic copies, as an alternative to printed copies, of a bill to be made available for members of a house in which the bill is being voted upon for third or final reading in fulfillment of the 48-hour availability requirement.

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