
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION REGARDING THE
FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

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 I, section 4, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to provide that the expenditure of money is not
4 a form of speech and not protected under the Hawaii
5 constitution.

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

8 "FREEDOM OF RELIGION, SPEECH, PRESS,

9 ASSEMBLY AND PETITION

10 Section 4. No law shall be enacted respecting an
11 establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise
12 thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press or
13 the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition
14 the government for a redress of grievances.

15 The freedom of speech shall not include the expenditure of
16 money to influence elections or promote lobbying."



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

3 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended
4 to provide that free speech does not include the
5 expenditure of money to influence elections or promote
6 lobbying?"

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:

Freedom of Speech; Monetary Expenditures

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that freedom of speech does not include the expenditure of money to influence elections or promote lobbying.

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