
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD VALUE IN CONTROVERSY REQUIREMENT FOR JURY TRIALS IN CIVIL CASES AT COMMON LAW FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000.

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 13, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to increase the threshold value in controversy
4 requirement for jury trials in civil cases at common law from
5 \$5,000 to \$10,000.

6 SECTION 2. Article I, section 13, of the Constitution of
7 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

8 **"TRIAL BY JURY, CIVIL CASES**

9 **Section 13.** In suits at common law where the value in
10 controversy shall exceed [~~five~~] ten thousand dollars, the right
11 of trial by jury shall be preserved. The legislature may
12 provide for a verdict by not less than three-fourths of the
13 members of the jury."

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



1 "Shall the threshold value in controversy requirement for
2 jury trials in civil cases at common law be increased from
3 \$5,000 to \$10,000?"

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 Constitutional material to be repealed is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

7 SECTION 5. 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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Description:

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