
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE
TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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 service of members of the house of
4 representatives elected in 2016 or thereafter to five
5 consecutive full terms.

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

8 **"ELECTION OF MEMBERS; TERM**

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



1 four years[-]; provided that no member of the house of
2 representatives elected in the general election of 2016 or
3 thereafter shall serve more than five consecutive full terms.

4 The term of a member of the legislature shall begin on the day
5 of the general election at which elected or if elected at a
6 primary election, on the day of the general election immediately
7 following the primary election at which elected. For a member
8 of the house of representatives, the term shall end on the day
9 of the general election immediately following the day the
10 member's term commences. For a member of the senate, the term
11 shall end on the day of the second general election immediately
12 following the day the member's term commences."

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

15 "Shall the members of the house of representatives elected
16 in 2016 or thereafter be subject to term limits of five
17 consecutive full terms (ten years)?"

18 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
19 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
20 underscored.



1 SECTION 5. 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:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to limit the terms of members of the house of representatives elected in the general election of 2016 or thereafter to five consecutive full terms.

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