
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF
HAWAII RELATING TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF
THE LEGISLATURE.

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 6, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to increase the residency requirements for
4 candidates for the office of state senate or house of
5 representatives by requiring the candidates to be residents of
6 the State for not less than five years and residents of the
7 district from which they seek to be elected for not less than
8 twelve consecutive months prior to the next succeeding general
9 election. This proposed constitutional amendment would bring
10 the residency requirements for candidates for the office of
11 state senate or house of representatives into conformity with
12 the residency requirements for candidates for the office of the
13 governor.

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

16 **"QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**



1 **Section 6.** No person shall be eligible to serve as a
2 member of the senate unless the person has been a resident of
3 the State for not less than [~~three years~~,] five years and a
4 resident of the senatorial district from which the person seeks
5 to be elected for not less than twelve consecutive months prior
6 to the next succeeding general election, has attained the age of
7 majority and is, prior to filing nomination papers and
8 thereafter continues to be, a qualified voter of the senatorial
9 district from which the person seeks to be elected; except that
10 in the year of the first general election following
11 reapportionment, but prior to the primary election, an incumbent
12 senator may move to a new district without being disqualified
13 from completing the remainder of the incumbent senator's term.
14 No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the house of
15 representatives unless the person has been a resident of the
16 State for not less than [~~three years~~,] five years and a resident
17 of the representative district from which the person seeks to be
18 elected for not less than twelve consecutive months prior to the
19 next succeeding general election, has attained the age of
20 majority and is, prior to filing nomination papers and
21 thereafter continues to be, a qualified voter of the
22 representative district from which the person seeks to be



1 elected; except that in the year of the first general election
2 following reapportionment, but prior to the primary election, an
3 incumbent representative may move to a new district without
4 being disqualified from completing the remainder of the
5 incumbent representative's term."

6 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
7 be as follows:

8 "Shall candidates for the state senate and house of
9 representatives be required to be a resident of the
10 State for not less than five years and a resident of
11 the legislative district from which the person seeks
12 to be elected for not less than twelve consecutive
13 months prior to the next succeeding general election?"

14 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
15 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
16 underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; Qualifications of State Senators and Representatives; Residency

Description:

Proposes to amend the state constitution to require candidates for the state senate or house of representatives to be a resident of the State for not less than five years and a resident of the legislative district from which the person seeks to be elected for not less than twelve consecutive months prior to the next general election. (SD1)

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