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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 3, OF THE  
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of  
2 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

3                           **"AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY LEGISLATURE**

4           **Section 3.** The legislature may propose amendments to the  
5 constitution by adopting the same, in the manner required for  
6 legislation, by a two-thirds vote of each house on final reading  
7 at any session, after either or both houses shall have given the  
8 governor at least ten days' written notice of the final form of  
9 the proposed amendment, or, with or without such notice, by a  
10 majority vote of each house on final reading at each of two  
11 successive sessions.

12           Upon such adoption, the proposed amendments shall be  
13 entered upon the journals, with the ayes and noes, and published  
14 once in each of four successive weeks in at least one newspaper  
15 of general circulation in each senatorial district wherein such  
16 a newspaper is published, within the two months' period  
17 immediately preceding the next general election.



1 At such general election the proposed amendments shall be  
2 submitted to the electorate for approval or rejection upon a  
3 separate ballot.

4 The conditions of and requirements for ratification of such  
5 proposed amendments shall be the same as provided in section 2  
6 of this article for ratification at a general election[-];  
7 provided that each amendment shall be effective only if approved  
8 at a general election by a majority of all the votes tallied  
9 upon the question, which shall not include blank or spoiled  
10 ballots."

11 SECTION 2. The question to be printed on the ballot shall  
12 be as follows:

13 "Shall only yes and no votes be counted to determine whether  
14 an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii  
15 proposed by the legislature is approved by the people?"

16 SECTION 3. Constitutional material to be repealed is  
17 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is  
18 underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This amendment shall take effect upon  
20 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of  
21 the State of Hawaii.



**Report Title:**

Constitution of the State of Hawaii; Amendments Proposed by the Legislature

**Description:**

Proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that only "yes" and "no" votes be counted in determining whether or not a majority of voters have approved an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii that has been proposed by the Legislature. (SB982 HD1)

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