
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-118.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 " [+] §11-118.5 [-] Constitutional amendments, proposed[-];
4 attorney general statement. (a) Any constitutional amendment
5 proposed by the legislature shall include in final form the
6 exact constitutional ratification question to be printed on a
7 ballot. The constitutional ratification question shall be
8 phrased in a manner to enable voters to express their choice on
9 the constitutional amendment by providing a "yes" or "no"
10 response. The language and meaning of a constitutional
11 amendment shall be clear and it shall be neither misleading nor
12 deceptive.

13 (b) The attorney general, in consultation with the
14 legislative reference bureau, shall prepare a statement in
15 English and Hawaiian for each proposed constitutional amendment
16 in language that is clear and that indicates the purpose,
17 limitations, and effects of the proposed amendment. The
18 attorney general shall distribute each statement to the state



1 office of elections and all county clerks for further
2 distribution. The office of elections and county clerks shall
3 make the statement available to the public at all polling places
4 in the State and on a website operated by the office of
5 elections."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.



Report Title:

AG; Proposed Constitutional Amendments; Statements

Description:

Requires the Attorney General to prepare a statement for each proposed constitutional amendment. Requires the Office of Elections and county clerks to make the statement available to the public. (CD1)

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