
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



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

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
10 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2020-2021 for the translation, preparation, and distribution of
12 statements for proposed constitutional amendments.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
14 of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;
18 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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. Makes an appropriation. (SB1058 HD1)

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