
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 8 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.

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 8, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to state that that constitutional section shall
4 not be construed to prohibit a member of the legislature from
5 being employed in a faculty member position at the university of
6 Hawaii solely because of the member's membership in the
7 legislature; provided that the legislature may enact legislation
8 to ensure that no member's legislative work schedule and time
9 demands related to the member's legislative duties unreasonably
10 conflict with those of the faculty position.

11 SECTION 2. Article III, section 8, of the Constitution of
12 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows

13 **"DISQUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

14 **Section 8.** No member of the legislature shall hold any
15 other public office under the State, nor shall the member,
16 during the term for which the member is elected or appointed, be



1 elected or appointed to any public office or employment which
2 shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have
3 been increased, by legislative act during such term. The term
4 "public offices," for the purposes of this section, shall not
5 include notaries public, reserve police officers or officers of
6 emergency organizations for civilian defense or disaster relief.
7 The legislature may prescribe further disqualifications. This
8 section shall not be construed to prohibit a member of the
9 legislature from being employed in a faculty member position at
10 the University of the Hawaii solely because of the member's
11 membership in the legislature; provided that the legislature may
12 enact legislation to ensure that no member's legislative work
13 schedule and time demands related to the member's legislative
14 duties unreasonably conflict with those of the faculty
15 position."

16 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
17 be as follows:

18 "Shall article III, section 8 of the Constitution of the
19 State of Hawaii be amended to state that that constitutional
20 section shall not be construed to prohibit a member of the
21 legislature from being employed in a faculty member position at



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1 the University of the Hawaii solely because of the member's
2 membership in the legislature; provided that the legislature may
3 enact legislation to ensure that work schedules and time demands
4 do not unreasonably conflict?"

5 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
7 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
8 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; UH; Faculty; Elective Office

Description:

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