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A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 2, 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 V, section 2, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to require the gubernatorial nominee from each
4 political party to appoint a person from the same political
5 party as a running mate for lieutenant governor in the primary
6 election.

7 SECTION 2. Article V, section 2, of the Constitution of
8 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

"LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

10 **Section 2.** There shall be a lieutenant governor who shall
11 have the same qualifications as the governor. The lieutenant
12 governor shall be elected at the same time [7] and for the same
13 term [~~and in the same manner~~] as the governor [7 ~~provided that~~
14 ~~the votes cast in the general election for the nominee for~~
15 ~~governor shall be deemed cast for the nominee for lieutenant~~
16 ~~governor of the same political party~~]. No person shall be



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1 elected to the office of lieutenant governor for more than two
2 consecutive full terms.

3 Prior to the primary election, each candidate for the
4 office of governor shall appoint a person from the same
5 political party as a candidate for lieutenant governor who shall
6 be listed together with the gubernatorial candidate on the
7 primary election ballot for that party as a running mate. Any
8 vote cast in the primary election for a candidate for governor
9 or that gubernatorial candidate's appointed candidate for
10 lieutenant governor shall be deemed cast for the pair as the
11 nominee for governor and lieutenant governor of that political
12 party.

13 The lieutenant governor shall perform such duties as may be
14 provided by law."

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

17 "Shall the nominee for lieutenant governor be appointed by
18 the gubernatorial nominee, prior to the primary election,
19 for the same term and from the same political party as the
20 gubernatorial nominee, rather than be elected in a separate
21 election?"



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1 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
 2 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
 3 underscored.

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

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Report Title:

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Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow each gubernatorial nominee to appoint, prior to the primary election, a person from the same political party as a running mate for lieutenant governor in the primary election.

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