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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE V OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO RAISE  
THE STATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR  
AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

**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, sections 1 and 2, of the Constitution of  
3 the State of Hawaii to provide that, beginning with the 2026  
4 general election, the minimum state residency requirement for a  
5 candidate for governor or lieutenant governor shall be raised  
6 from five years to thirty years.

7           SECTION 2. Article V, section 1, of the Constitution of  
8 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

9                           **"ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE**

10           **Section 1.** The executive power of the State shall be  
11 vested in a governor. The governor shall be elected by the  
12 qualified voters of this State at a general election. The  
13 person receiving the highest number of votes shall be the  
14 governor. In case of a tie vote, the selection of the governor  
15 shall be determined as provided by law.





1 manner as the governor; provided that the votes cast in the  
 2 general election for the nominee for governor shall be deemed  
 3 cast for the nominee for lieutenant governor of the same  
 4 political party. No person shall be elected to the office of  
 5 lieutenant governor for more than two consecutive full terms.  
 6 The lieutenant governor shall perform such duties as may be  
 7 provided by law."


8 SECTION 4. The question to be printed on the ballot shall  
 9 be as follows:

10 "Beginning with the 2026 general election, shall the  
 11 minimum state residency requirement for a candidate for  
 12 governor or lieutenant governor be raised from five years  
 13 to thirty years?"

14 SECTION 5. Constitutional material to be repealed is  
 15 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is  
 16 underscored.

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

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# S.B. NO. 1217

**Report Title:**

State Constitution; Amendments; Elections; Governor; Lieutenant Governor

**Description:**

Proposes to amend the state Constitution to provide that, beginning with the 2026 general election, the minimum state residency requirement for a candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall be raised from 5 years to 30 years.

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