

## ACT 286

S.B. NO. 1058

A Bill for an Act Relating to Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

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

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

(b) The attorney general, in consultation with the legislative reference bureau, shall prepare a statement in English and Hawaiian for each proposed constitutional amendment in language that is clear and that indicates the purpose, limitations, and effects of the proposed amendment. The attorney general shall distribute each statement to the state office of elections and all county clerks for further distribution. The office of elections and county clerks shall make the statement available to the public at all polling places in the State and on a website operated by the office of elections.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

(Became law on July 9, 2019, without the governor’s signature, pursuant to Art. III, §16, State Constitution.)