

APPENDIX C

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021  
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO REQUIRE THE JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION TO BE GUIDED BY PRINCIPLES OF MERIT IN THE SELECTION OF JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS AND THE RETENTION OF JUDGES AND JUSTICES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Article VI of the Constitution of the State of  
2 Hawaii is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

3 **MERIT PRINCIPLES**

4 **Section 1.5.** The judicial selection commission shall be  
5 guided by principles of merit in the selection of judicial  
6 nominations and the retention of judges and justices."

7 SECTION 2. The question to be printed on the ballot shall  
8 be as follows:

9 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended  
10 to require the judicial selection commission to be guided by  
11 principles of merit in the selection of judicial nominations and  
12 the retention of judges and justices?"

13 SECTION 3. New constitutional material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This amendment shall take effect upon

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1 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of  
2 the State of Hawaii.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Report Title:**

Constitutional Amendment; Judicial Selection Commission; Merit Principles

**Description:**

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to require the judicial selection commission to be guided by principles of merit in the selection of judicial nominations and the retention of judges and justices.

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