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A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 2, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, TO ALLOW THE STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO VOTE.

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 X, section 2, of the Constitution of the
- 3 State of Hawaii to allow the student member of the board of
- 4 education to vote.
- 5 SECTION 2. Article X, section 2, of the Constitution of
- 6 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

7 "BOARD OF EDUCATION

- 8 Section 2. There shall be a board of education composed of
- 9 members who shall be elected in a nonpartisan manner by
- 10 qualified voters, as provided by law, from two at-large school
- 11 board districts. The first school board district shall be
- 12 comprised of the island of Oahu and all other islands not
- 13 specifically enumerated. The second school board district shall
- 14 be comprised of the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Lanai, Molokai,
- 15 Kahoolawe, Kauai and Niihau. Each at-large school board
- 16 district shall be divided into departmental school districts, as



- 1 may be provided by law. There shall be at least one member
- 2 residing in each departmental school district. The Hawaii State
- 3 Student Council shall select a public high school student to
- 4 serve as a [nonvoting] voting member on the board of
- 5 education[-]; provided that the student member shall not vote on
- 6 any issue directly pertaining to either fiscal or personnel
- 7 matters."
- 8 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
- 9 be as follows:
- 10 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended
- 11 to allow the student member of the board of education to
- vote on all matters except on issues directly pertaining to
- either fiscal or personnel matters?"
- 14 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
- 15 bracketed. New constitutional material is underscored.
- 16 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
- 17 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
- 18 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

BOE; Student Member

Description:

Proposes an amendment to the state constitution to allow the student member of the board of education to vote, except on issues pertaining to personnel or fiscal matters.