

1 A voter referendum may be proposed by presenting to the
2 chief election officer within ninety days after the enactment
3 date of a statute, a petition asking that the statute or part of
4 it be submitted for a referendum.

5 A referendum measure shall be certified for placement on
6 the ballot by the chief election officer upon the submission of
7 a petition signed by registered voters of the State equal in
8 number to at least ten percent of the total number of voters who
9 voted for the office of the governor in the last preceding
10 general election for that office. That ten percent shall include
11 at least ten percent of the total number of such voters in each
12 of at least two counties of the State.

13 The referendum measure shall be phrased to require a "yes"
14 or "no" response by the voter. The chief election officer shall
15 submit the referendum measure at the next general election held
16 at least thirty-one days after it is certified or at a special
17 statewide election held prior to that general election. A
18 referendum that is approved by a majority of voters shall take
19 effect the day after the election unless the measure provides
20 otherwise. If a referendum is filed against a part of a statute,
21 the remainder shall not be delayed from becoming effective."



1 SECTION 3. Article III, section 1, of the Constitution of
2 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

3 "LEGISLATIVE POWER

4 Section 1. The legislative power of the State shall be
5 vested in a legislature, which shall consist of two houses, a
6 senate and a house of representatives [~~Such power~~], but the
7 people reserve to themselves the powers of referendum as set
8 forth in article II, section A. The legislative power and
9 referendum power shall extend to all rightful subjects of
10 legislation not inconsistent with this constitution or the
11 Constitution of the United States."

12 SECTION 4. Article XVII, section 4, of the Constitution of
13 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

14 "VETO

15 Section 4. No proposal for amendment of the constitution
16 adopted in either manner provided by this article or by article
17 II, section A on referendum, shall be subject to veto by the
18 governor."

19 SECTION 5. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
20 be as follows:



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1 "Shall the State Constitution be amended to provide for
2 referendum, which is the power of the people to approve or
3 reject statutes or parts of statutes by ballot?"

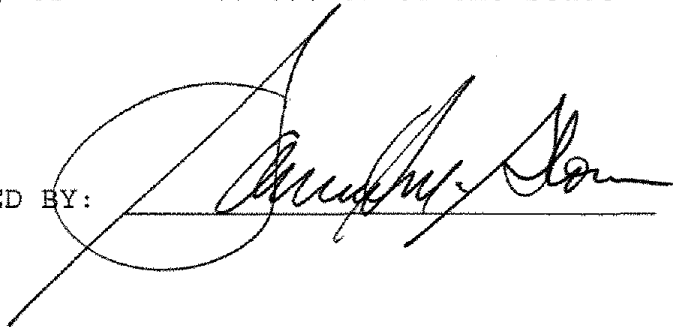
4 SECTION 6. In codifying the new section added to article II
5 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, by section 2 of this
6 Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute the appropriate
7 section number for the letter used in the new section
8 designation in this Act.

9 SECTION 7. Constitutional material to be repealed is
10 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
11 underscored.

12 SECTION 8. This amendment shall take effect upon compliance
13 with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of the State
14 of Hawaii.

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Report Title:
Referendum

Description:
Amends articles II, III, and XVII of the state constitution to provide for referendum.

