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A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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 require:
4	(1) The board of education to be composed of seventeen
5	voting members elected in a nonpartisan manner by the
6	qualified voters of the respective school board
7	districts, as provided by law; and
8	(2) Each school board district to be composed of three
9	representative districts.
10	SECTION 2. Article X, section 2, of the Constitution of
11	the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:
12	"BOARD OF EDUCATION
13	Section 2. There shall be a board of education composed of
14	seventeen voting members who shall be elected in a nonpartisan
15	manner by <u>the</u> qualified voters[, as provided by law, from two
16	at-large school board districts. The first school board
17	district shall be comprised of the island of Oahu and all other
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1	islands r	not specifically enumerated. The second school board	
2	district shall be comprised of the islands of Hawaii, Maui,		
3	Lanai, Molokai, Kahoolawe, Kauai and Niihau. Each at-large		
4	school board district shall be divided into departmental school		
5	districts, as may be provided by law. There shall be at least		
6	one member residing in each departmental school district.] of		
7	the respe	ective school board districts, as provided by law. Each	
8	school bo	oard district shall be composed of three representative	
9	districts	. The Hawaii State Student Council shall select a	
10	public hi	gh school student to serve as a nonvoting member on the	
11	board of education."		
12	SECT	ION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall	
13	be as follows:		
14	"Sha]	Ll:	
15	(1)	The board of education be composed of seventeen voting	
16		members elected in a nonpartisan manner by the	
17		qualified voters of the respective school board	
18		districts, as provided by law; and	
19	(2)	Each school board district be composed of three	
20		representative districts?"	



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1	SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
2	bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
3	underscored.
4	SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
5	compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
6	the State of Hawaii.
7	INTRODUCED BY: Y. Q.L.
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Report Title:

Board of Education; Apportionment; Constitutional Amendment

Description:

Requires the board of education to be composed of 17 voting members elected in a nonpartisan manner by the qualified voters of the respective school board districts, as provided by law. Requires each school board district to be composed of 3 representative districts.

