A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE BOARD OF 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 redistrict the board of education.
- 4 SECTION 2. Article X, section 2, of the Constitution of
- 5 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

6 "BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

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- 1 voting member shall be a resident of the board of education
- 2 district that the member represents and shall be elected by the
- 3 qualified voters of the respective board of education district.
- 4 Each board of education district shall be composed of three
- 5 state house of representatives districts, as may be provided by
- 6 law. The Hawaii State Student Council shall select a public
- 7 high school student to serve as a nonvoting member on the board
- 8 of education."
- 9 . SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
- 10 be as follows:
- "Shall the composition of the board of education
- 12 be changed to provide for seventeen voting
- members who shall reside in the board of
- 14 education districts they represent each of which
- shall be comprised of three state house of
- 16 representatives districts?"
- 17 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
- 18 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
- 19 underscored.

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- 1 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
- 2 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
- 3 the State of Hawaii.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Education; Board of Education

Description:

Amends provision of state constitution to redistrict the board of education, to provide for one board member for every three representative districts. Requires that members reside in the board district that the member represents, and requires that the members be elected by the qualified voters in the respective district.

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