## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 495

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 6, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION.

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

1	SECTION 1. Article 3, Section 6, of the Constitution of
2	the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:
3	"QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS
4	Section 6. No person shall be eligible to serve as a
5	member of the senate unless the person has been a resident of
6	the State for not less than three years, has attained the age of
7	majority and is, at least one calendar year prior to filing
8	nomination papers and thereafter continues to be, a qualified
9	voter of the senatorial district from which the person seeks to
10	be elected; except that in the year of the first general
11	election following reapportionment, but prior to the primary
12	election, an incumbent senator may move to a new district
13	without being disqualified from completing the remainder of the
14	incumbent senator's term. No person shall be eligible to serve
15	as a member of the house of representatives unless the person
16	has been a resident of the State for not less than three years,
17	has attained the age of majority and is, at least one calendar

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1 year prior to filing nomination papers and thereafter continues 2 to be, a qualified voter of the representative district from which the person seeks to be elected; except that in the year of 3 the first general election following reapportionment, but prior 4 5 to the primary election, an incumbent representative may move to 6 a new district without being disgualified from completing the 7 remainder of the incumbent representative's term." 8 SECTION 2. The question to be printed on the ballot shall 9 be as follows: 10 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended so 11 that the qualifications to be elected to the State Senate 12 and State House include being a qualified voter of the 13 district the person seeks to be elected from for at least 14 one year prior to the deadline for filing nomination 15 papers?" 16 SECTION 3. New constitutional material is underscored. 17 SECTION 4. This amendment shall take effect upon 18 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of 19 the State of Hawaii.

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#### Report Title:

Constitutional amendment; qualification for elected office

## Description:

Adds the requirement that persons seeking election to the State Senate and State House be qualified voters of the district they seek to represent for at least one year prior to the filing of nomination papers.

