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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, TO CONSTITUTIONALLY ESTABLISH THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION TO SUPERVISE THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER.

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 IV, section 3, of the Constitution of the
- 3 State of Hawaii to constitutionally establish the elections
- 4 commission to supervise the chief election officer.
- 5 SECTION 2. Article IV, section 3, of the Constitution of
- 6 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:
- 7 "THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION AND CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER
- 8 Section 3. The legislature shall provide for [a] an
- 9 elections commission and a chief election officer of the [State,
- 10 whose] State. The elections commission shall supervise the
- 11 chief election officer. The chief election officer's
- 12 responsibilities shall be as provided by law and shall include
- 13 the supervision of state elections, the maximization of
- 14 registration of eligible voters throughout the State and the
- 15 maintenance of data concerning registered voters, elections,
- 16 apportionment and districting."



- 1 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
- 2 be as follows:
- 3 "Shall the state constitution be amended to constitutionally
- 4 establish the elections commission to supervise the chief
- 5 election officer?"
- 6 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
- 7 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
- 8 underscored.
- 9 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
- 10 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
- 11 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; Elections Commission; Chief Election Officer

Description:

Amends the state constitution to constitutionally establish the elections commission to supervise the chief election officer.

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