# A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 2, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION.

## 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 the Hawaii state student council to
- 4 hold an election to select the student member of the board of
- 5 education, and to allow the student member of the board of
- 6 education to be a voting member of the board.
- 7 SECTION 2. Article X, section 2, of the Constitution of
- 8 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

#### 9 "BOARD OF EDUCATION

- 10 Section 2. There shall be a board of education composed of
- 11 members who shall be elected in a nonpartisan manner by
- 12 qualified voters, as provided by law, from two at-large school
- 13 board districts. The first school board district shall be
- 14 comprised of the island of Oahu and all other islands not
- 15 specifically enumerated. The second school board district shall
- 16 be comprised of the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Lanai, Molokai,
- 17 Kahoolawe, Kauai and Niihau. Each at-large school board

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- 1 district shall be divided into departmental school districts, as
- 2 may be provided by law. There shall be at least one member
- 3 residing in each departmental school district. The Hawaii State
- 4 Student Council shall conduct an election, with all secondary
- 5 public schools participating, to select a public high school
- 6 student to serve as a [nonvoting] member on the board of
- 7 education. The student member on the board of education shall
- 8 have full voting privileges on all matters before the board
- 9 except for those matters relating to fiscal or personnel
- 10 issues."
- 11 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
- 12 be as follows:
- "Shall the Hawaii Constitution be amended to require the
- 14 student member of the Board of Education to be selected by
- secondary public school students at an election held by the
- 16 Hawaii State Student Council and to allow the student member
- of the Board of Education to vote on all matters before the
- 18 Board except for finance or personnel issues?"
- 19 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
- 20 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
- 21 underscored.

- 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.

## Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment to Article X, Section 2

## Description:

Allows the student board of education member to be a voting member and mandates the election of the student board of education member to be made by public secondary school students. (SD1)

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