## A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII RELATING TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

### 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 III, section 6, of the Constitution of the
- 3 State of Hawaii to amend the residency requirements for
- 4 candidates for the office of state senate or house of
- 5 representatives by requiring the candidates to be residents of
- 6 the district from which they seek to be elected for not less
- 7 than twelve consecutive months prior to the next succeeding
- 8 general election.
- 9 SECTION 2. Article III, section 6, of the Constitution of
- 10 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

### 11 "QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

- 12 Section 6. No person shall be eligible to serve as a
- 13 member of the senate unless the person has been a resident of
- 14 the State for not less than three years, and a resident of the
- 15 senatorial district from which the person seeks to be elected
- 16 for not less than twelve consecutive months prior to the next
- 17 succeeding general election, has attained the age of majority

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- 1 and is, prior to filing nomination papers and thereafter
- 2 continues to be, a qualified voter of the senatorial district
- 3 from which the person seeks to be elected; except that in the
- 4 year of the first general election following reapportionment,
- 5 but prior to the primary election, an incumbent senator may move
- 6 to a new district without being disqualified from completing the
- 7 remainder of the incumbent senator's term. No person shall be
- 8 eligible to serve as a member of the house of representatives
- 9 unless the person has been a resident of the State for not less
- 10 than three years, and a resident of the representative district
- 11 from which the person seeks to be elected for not less than
- 12 twelve consecutive months prior to the next succeeding general
- 13 election, has attained the age of majority and is, prior to
- 14 filing nomination papers and thereafter continues to be, a
- 15 qualified voter of the representative district from which the
- 16 person seeks to be elected; except that in the year of the first
- 17 general election following reapportionment, but prior to the
- 18 primary election, an incumbent representative may move to a new
- 19 district without being disqualified from completing the
- 20 remainder of the incumbent representative's term."
- 21 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
- 22 be as follows:

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1	"To be eligible to be a candidate for the state senate
2	or house of representatives, shall a person be
3	required to be a resident of the legislative district
4	from which the person seeks to be elected for not less
5	than twelve consecutive months prior to the next
6	general election?"
7	SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.
8	SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
9	compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
10	the State of Hawaii.

#### Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; Residency; State Legislators

### Description:

Amends the state constitution to require candidates for the state senate or house of representatives to be a resident of the legislative district from which the person is a candidate for not less than twelve consecutive months prior to the next general election. (HB269 HD1)

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