A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 15, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC COPIES, AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PRINTED COPIES, OF A BILL TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS OF A HOUSE IN WHICH THE BILL IS BEING VOTED UPON FOR THIRD OR FINAL READING IN FULFILLMENT OF THE FORTY-EIGHT HOUR AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENT.

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 15, of the Constitution of the
- 3 State of Hawaii to allow electronic copies, as an alternative to
- 4 printed copies, of a bill to be made available for members of a
- 5 house in which the bill is being voted upon for third or final
- $\mathbf{6}$ reading to fulfill the forty-eight hour availability
- 7 requirement.
- 8 SECTION 2. Article III, section 15, of the Constitution of
- 9 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

10 "PASSAGE OF BILLS

- 11 Section 15. No bill shall become law unless it shall pass
- 12 three readings in each house on separate days. No bill shall
- 13 pass third or final reading in either house unless printed or
- 14 <u>electronic</u> copies of the bill in the form to be passed shall

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- 1 have been made available to the members of that house for at
- 2 least forty-eight hours.
- 3 Every bill when passed by the house in which it originated,
- 4 or in which amendments thereto shall have originated, shall
- 5 immediately be certified by the presiding officer and clerk and
- 6 sent to the other house for consideration.
- 7 Any bill pending at the final adjournment of a regular
- 8 session in an odd-numbered year shall carry over with the same
- 9 status to the next regular session. Before the carried-over
- 10 bill is enacted, it shall pass at least one reading in the house
- 11 in which the bill originated."
- 12 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
- 13 be as follows:
- 14 "Shall the constitutional requirement that a printed copy of
- a bill be made available to the members of the house of the
- 16 legislature voting on the measure for third or final reading
- for at least forty-eight hours prior to voting be changed to
- allow an electronic copy to be provided as an alternative to
- 19 the printed copy?"
- 20 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is 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:

Electronic Copy; Constitutional Amendments

Description:

Allows electronic copies, as an alternative to printed copies, of a bill to be made available for members of a house in which the bill is being voted upon for third or final reading, in fulfillment of the 48-hour availability requirement. (HB427 HD1)

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