

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 2, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THE GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE OF EACH POLITICAL PARTY TO SELECT THE PARTY'S LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NOMINEE.

### 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 V, section 2, of the Constitution of the
- 3 State of Hawaii to require the gubernatorial nominee elected
- 4 from each political party in a primary election to appoint a
- 5 person from the same political party as a running mate for
- 6 lieutenant governor in the general election.
- 7 SECTION 2. Article V, section 2, of the Constitution of
- 8 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:
- 9 "LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
- 10 SECTION 2. There shall be a lieutenant governor who shall
- 11 have the same qualifications as the governor. The lieutenant
- 12 governor shall be elected at the same time, for the same term
- 13 [and in the same manner] as the governor; provided that
- 14 following the primary election, the candidate of each political
- 15 party for the office of governor shall appoint a person from the



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- 1 same political party as the candidate of that party for
- 2 lieutenant governor; provided further that the votes cast in the
- 3 general election for the nominee for governor shall be deemed
- 4 cast for the nominee for lieutenant governor [of] from the same
- 5 political party. No person shall be elected to the office of
- 6 lieutenant governor for more than two consecutive full terms.
- 7 The lieutenant governor shall perform such duties as may be
- 8 provided by law."
- 9 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
- 10 be as follows:
- 11 "Shall the nominee for lieutenant governor be appointed by
- 12 a gubernatorial nominee, following the primary election, for the
- 13 same term and from the same political party as the gubernatorial
- 14 nominee, rather than be elected in a separate election?"
- 15 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
- 16 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
- 17 underscored.

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- 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.

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#### Report Title:

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#### Description:

Proposes an amendment to article V, section 2, of the Hawaii State Constitution to require that each gubernatorial nominee appoint a person from the same political party as a running mate for lieutenant governor in the general election.

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