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## 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  
6 reading.

7       SECTION 2. Article III, section 15, of the Constitution of  
8 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

9                               **"PASSAGE OF BILLS**

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



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 an electronic copy, as an alternative to a printed  
15 copy, of a bill be made available to members of a house in  
16 which the bill is being voted upon for third or final  
17 reading in fulfillment of the forty-eight hour availability  
18 requirement?"

19 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is 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:**

Constitutional Amendment; Electronic Copy; 48-hour Availability;  
Third or Final Reading

**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.

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