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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1.   Section 11-118.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       "~~[+]§11-118.5[+]~~ Constitutional amendments, proposed~~[+]~~;  
4 attorney general statement.   (a) Any constitutional amendment  
5 proposed by the legislature shall include in final form the  
6 exact constitutional ratification question to be printed on a  
7 ballot. The constitutional ratification question shall be  
8 phrased in a manner to enable voters to express their choice on  
9 the constitutional amendment by providing a "yes" or "no"  
10 response. The language and meaning of a constitutional  
11 amendment shall be clear and it shall be neither misleading nor  
12 deceptive.

13       (b) The attorney general shall prepare a statement for  
14 each proposed constitutional amendment in plain English that  
15 indicates the purpose, limitations, and effects of the proposed  
16 amendment. The attorney general shall distribute each statement  
17 to the state office of elections and all county clerks for  
18 further distribution. The office of elections and county clerks



1 shall make each statement available to the public in all  
 2 physical or online sites where they make proposed constitutional  
 3 amendment questions available to the public."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 509

**Report Title:**

Attorney General; Statement for Proposed Constitutional Amendments

**Description:**

Requires the attorney general to prepare a statement for each proposed constitutional amendment in plain English that indicates the purpose, limitations, and effects of the proposed amendment. Requires the attorney general to distribute each statement to the state office of elections and all county clerks for further distribution. Requires the office of elections and county clerks to make each statement available to the public in all physical or online sites where they make proposed constitutional amendment questions available to the public.

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