

A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Article X, section 2 of the Hawaii Constitution 2 is amended to read as follows:
- 3 "BOARD OF EDUCATION
- 4 Section 2. There shall be a board of education [. The
- 5 governor shall nominate and, by and with the advice and consent
- 6 of the senate, appoint the members of the board of education, as
- 7 provided by law.] composed of members who shall be elected in a
- 8 nonpartisan manner by qualified voters, as provided by law, from
- 9 two at-large school board districts. The first school board
- 10 district shall be comprised of the island of Oahu and all other
- 11 islands not specifically enumerated. The second school board
- 12 district shall be comprised of the islands of Hawaii, Maui,
- 13 Lanai, Molokai, Kahoolawe, Kauai, and Niihau. Each at-large
- 14 school board district shall be divided into departmental school
- 15 districts, as may be provided by law. There shall be at least
- 16 one member residing in each departmental school district. The

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1 Hawaii State Student Council shall select a public high school 2 student to serve as a nonvoting member on the board of 3 education." 4 SECTION 2. Article XVIII, section 12 of the Hawaii 5 Constitution is amended to read as follows: 6 "BOARD OF EDUCATION TRANSITION 7 Section 12. There shall be a period of transition from the 8 [elected] appointed to the [appointed] elected board of 9 education, as provided by law." **10** SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall 11 be as follows: 12 "Shall the Board of Education be changed from a 13 board appointed by the governor to a board elected by 14 the qualified voters of the State, as provided by 15 law?" 16 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is 17 bracketed and stricken. 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; Board of Education

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to change the Board of Education back to an elected board.

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