### 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
- 2 Constitution 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 comprise the island of Oahu and all other islands
- 11 not specifically enumerated. The second school board district
- 12 shall comprise the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Lanai, Molokai,
- 13 Kahoolawe, Kauai, and Niihau. Each at-large school board
- 14 district shall be divided into departmental school districts, as
- 15 may be provided by law. There shall be at least one member
- 16 residing in each departmental school district. The Hawaii state

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- 1 student council shall select a public high school student to
- 2 serve as a nonvoting member on the board of education."
- 3 SECTION 2. Article XVIII, section 12, of the Hawaii
- 4 Constitution is amended to read as follows:
- 5 "BOARD OF EDUCATION TRANSITION
- 6 Section 12. There shall be a period of transition from the
- 7 [elected] appointed to the [appointed] elected board of
- 8 education, as provided by law."
- 9 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
- 10 be as follows:
- 11 "Shall the Board of Education be changed from a
- 12 board appointed by the governor to a board elected by
- the qualified voters of the State, to be provided by
- 14 law?"
- 15 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
- 16 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
- 17 underscored.
- 18 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect on July 1,
- **19** 2050.

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### Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; Board of Education; Elected

### Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to change the Board of Education back to an elected board. (HB620 HD1)

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