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#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

#### PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE TERM LIMITS.

#### 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 4, of the Constitution of the 3 State of Hawaii to limit the terms of members of the legislature 4 to a maximum of six consecutive full terms in the house of 5 representatives and three consecutive full terms in the senate. 6 SECTION 2. Article III, section 4, of the Constitution of 7 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows: 8 "ELECTION OF MEMBERS; TERM 9 Section 4. Each member of the legislature shall be elected 10 at an election. If more than one candidate has been nominated 11 for election to a seat in the legislature, the member occupying 12 that seat shall be elected at a general election. If a 13 candidate nominated for a seat at a primary election is 14 unopposed for that seat at the general election, the candidate 15 shall be deemed elected at the primary election. The term of 16 office of a member of the house of representatives shall be two



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1	years and the term of office of a member of the senate shall be
2	four years $[+]$ ; provided that for terms beginning on the general
3	election of 2024, no member of the house of representatives
4	shall serve more than six consecutive full terms in the house of
5	representatives, and no member of the senate shall serve more
6	than three consecutive full terms in the senate. If a member
7	reaches the term limit for the house of representatives, that
8	member may serve additional terms in the house of
9	representatives, subject to the term limit for the house of
10	representatives, after a hiatus of at least two years. If a
11	member reaches the term limit for the senate, that member may
12	serve additional terms in the senate, subject to the term limit
13	for the senate, after a hiatus of at least four years. Nothing
14	in this section shall require a member of either chamber of the
15	legislature who reaches the term limit for that chamber to serve
16	a hiatus before serving any term of office in the other chamber.
17	The term of a member of the legislature shall begin on the day
18	of the general election at which elected or if elected at a
19	primary election, on the day of the general election immediately
20	following the primary election at which elected. For a member
21	of the house of representatives, the term shall end on the day



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1 of the general election immediately following the day the 2 member's term commences. For a member of the senate, the term 3 shall end on the day of the second general election immediately following the day the member's term commences." 4 5 SECTION 3 The question to be printed on the ballot shall 6 be as follows: 7 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended to 8 limit members of the legislature, for terms beginning on the 9 general election of 2024, to serving a maximum of six 10 consecutive full terms in the house of representatives and 11 three consecutive full terms in the senate, subject to a 12 two-year hiatus before serving any subsequent terms in the 13 house of representatives and a four-year hiatus before 14 serving any subsequent terms in the senate?" 15 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is 16 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is 17 underscored.

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SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
the State of Hawaii.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title: Legislative Term Limits; Constitutional Amendment

#### Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to limit the terms of members of the legislature to a maximum of six consecutive full terms in the house of representatives and three consecutive full terms in the senate, for terms beginning on the day of the general election of 2024, subject to a hiatus prior to serving any subsequent terms in the same house.

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