
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 2, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THE GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE OF EACH POLITICAL PARTY TO SELECT THE PARTY'S LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NOMINEE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is one of
2 only eight states in which the candidates for both governor and
3 lieutenant governor are subject to joint general elections but
4 separate primary elections. The legislature believes that
5 amending the Hawaii state constitution to require gubernatorial
6 nominees to select their own running mates may create a greater
7 sense of cohesion between the governor and lieutenant governor,
8 with the lieutenant governor potentially serving as a source of
9 guidance and support for the governor. The legislature further
10 believes that a more cohesive relationship between the two
11 offices may enhance the productivity of the state government.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to propose an
13 amendment to article V, section 2, of the Hawaii State
14 Constitution to require the gubernatorial nominee elected from
15 each political party in a primary election to appoint a person



1 from the same political party as a running mate for lieutenant
2 governor in the general election.

3 SECTION 2. Article V, section 2, of the Constitution of
4 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

5 "LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

6 Section 2. There shall be a lieutenant governor who shall
7 have the same qualifications as the governor. The lieutenant
8 governor shall be elected at the same time, for the same term
9 ~~[and in the same manner]~~ as the governor; provided that
10 following the primary election, the candidate of each political
11 party for the office of governor shall appoint a person from the
12 same political party as the candidate of that party for
13 lieutenant governor; provided further that the votes cast in the
14 general election for the nominee for governor shall be deemed
15 cast for the nominee for lieutenant governor ~~[of]~~ from the same
16 political party. No person shall be elected to the office of
17 lieutenant governor for more than two consecutive full terms.
18 The lieutenant governor shall perform such duties as may be
19 provided by law."

20 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
21 be as follows:



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1 "Shall the nominee for lieutenant governor be appointed by
2 a gubernatorial nominee, following the primary election, for the
3 same term and from the same political party as the gubernatorial
4 nominee, rather than be elected in a separate election?"

5 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
6 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
7 underscored.

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

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Report Title:

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Description:

Proposes an amendment to article V, section 2, of the Hawaii State Constitution to require that each gubernatorial nominee appoint a person from the same political party as a running mate for lieutenant governor in the general election.

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