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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 15, OF THE HAWAII  
STATE CONSTITUTION TO ENACT A SUPERMAJORITY VOTING  
REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION PROPOSING TO RAISE  
OR CREATE TAXES AND LEGISLATION TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE.

**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 15, of the Constitution of the  
3 State of Hawaii to enact a two-thirds supermajority requirement  
4 for passage of legislation proposing to raise taxes, create new  
5 taxes and to raise the state minimum wage.

6       SECTION 2. Article III, section 15, of the Constitution of  
7 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

8                                   **"PASSAGE OF BILLS**

9       **Section 15.** No bill shall become law unless it shall pass  
10 three readings in each house on separate days. No bill shall  
11 pass third or final reading in either house unless printed  
12 copies of the bill in the form to be passed shall have been made  
13 available to the members of that house for at least forty-eight  
14 hours.



1 Every bill when passed by the house in which it originated,  
2 or in which amendments thereto shall have originated, shall  
3 immediately be certified by the presiding officer and clerk and  
4 sent to the other house for consideration.

5 Any bill pending at the final adjournment of a regular  
6 session in an odd-numbered year shall carry over with the same  
7 status to the next regular session. Before the carried-over  
8 bill is enacted, it shall pass at least one reading in the house  
9 in which the bill originated.

10 Passage of legislation proposing to increase the rates for  
11 any tax collected by the State or to enact a new tax to be  
12 collected by the State shall require a two-thirds vote of all  
13 members to which each house is entitled."

14 Passage of legislation proposing to increase the state  
15 minimum wage shall require a two-thirds vote of all members to  
16 which each house is entitled."

17 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall  
18 be as follows:

19 "Shall the Constitution be amended to include a two-thirds  
20 supermajority voting requirement for the legislature to pass



1 laws that would raise taxes or create new taxes and the state  
2 minimum wage?"

3 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Constitutional Amendment; Bill Passage; Supermajority; Minimum Wage

**Description:**

Proposes a constitutional amendment to include a two-thirds supermajority voting requirement for the legislature to pass a minimum wage increase and laws that raise taxes or create new taxes.

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