A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 15, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC COPIES, AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PRINTED COPIES, OF A BILL TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS OF A HOUSE IN WHICH THE BILL IS BEING VOTED UPON FOR THIRD OR FINAL READING IN FULFILLMENT OF THE FORTY-EIGHT HOUR AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENT.

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

| 1 | SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an |
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| 2 | amendment to article III, section 15, of the Constitution of the |
| 3 | State of Hawaii to allow electronic copies, as an alternative to |
| 4 | printed copies, of a bill to be made available for members of a |
| 5 | house in which the bill is being voted upon for third or final |
| 6 | reading. |
| 7 | SECTION 2. Article III, section 15, of the Constitution of |
| 8 | the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows: |
| 9 | "PASSAGE OF BILLS |
| 10 | Section 15. No bill shall become law unless it shall pass |
| 11 | three readings in each house on separate days. No bill shall |
| 12 | pass third or final reading in either house unless printed or |
| 13 | electronic copies of the bill in the form to be passed shall |
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have been made available to the members of that house for at
 least forty-eight hours.

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

7 Any bill pending at the final adjournment of a regular 8 session in an odd-numbered year shall carry over with the same 9 status to the next regular session. Before the carried-over 10 bill is enacted, it shall pass at least one reading in the house 11 in which the bill originated."

SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shallbe as follows:

"Shall the Hawaii State Constitution be amended to allow an 14 electronic copy of a bill, in addition to the existing 15 option to provide a printed copy of a bill, to fulfill the 16 17 procedures for a third or final vote of the Legislature?" SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored. 18 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon 19 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of 20 the State of Hawaii. 21

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Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; Electronic Copy; 48-Hour Availability; Third or Final Reading; Legislature

Description:

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Amends the State Constitution to allow electronic copies, as an alternative to printed copies, of a bill to be made available for members of a house of the Legislature in which the bill is being voted upon for third or final reading in fulfillment of the 48-hour availability requirement. (SD1)

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