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A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2, OF THE HAWAII
STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADD TWO MEMBERS TO THE
REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO REPRESENT CITIZEN
ORGANIZATIONS.

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 IV, section 2, of the Constitution of the
3 State of Hawaii to add two members to the reapportionment
4 commission to represent citizen organizations.

5 SECTION 2. Article IV, section 2, of the Constitution of
6 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

7 **"REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION**

8 **Section 2.** A reapportionment commission shall be
9 constituted on or before May 1 of each reapportionment year and
10 whenever reapportionment is required by court order. The
11 commission shall consist of [~~nine~~] eleven members. The
12 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
13 representatives shall each select two members. Members of each
14 house belonging to the party or parties different from that of
15 the president or the speaker shall designate one of their number



1 for each house and the two so designated shall each select two
2 members of the commission. The chief justice shall select two
3 members to represent citizen organizations. The [~~eight~~] ten
4 members so selected, promptly after selection, shall be
5 certified by the selecting authorities to the chief election
6 officer and within thirty days thereafter, shall select, by a
7 vote of [~~six~~] seven members, and promptly certify to the chief
8 election officer the [~~ninth~~] eleventh member who shall serve as
9 chairperson of the commission.

10 Each of the four legislative officials designated above as
11 selecting authorities for [~~the~~] eight members of the commission,
12 at the time of the commission selections, shall also select one
13 person from each basic island unit to serve on an apportionment
14 advisory council for that island unit. The councils shall
15 remain in existence during the life of the commission and each
16 shall serve in an advisory capacity to the commission for
17 matters affecting its island unit.

18 A vacancy in the commission or a council shall be filled by
19 the initial selecting authority within fifteen days after the
20 vacancy occurs. Commission and council positions and vacancies



1 not filled within the times specified shall be filled promptly
2 thereafter by the supreme court.

3 The commission shall act by majority vote of its membership
4 and shall establish its own procedures, except as may be
5 provided by law.

6 Not more than one hundred fifty days from the date on which
7 its members are certified, the commission shall file with the
8 chief election officer a reapportionment plan for the state
9 legislature and a reapportionment plan for the United States
10 congressional districts, which shall become law after
11 publication as provided by law. Members of the commission shall
12 hold office until each reapportionment plan becomes effective or
13 until such time as may be provided by law.

14 No member of the reapportionment commission or an
15 apportionment advisory council shall be eligible to become a
16 candidate for election to either house of the legislature or to
17 the United States House of Representatives in either of the
18 first two elections under any such reapportionment plan.

19 Commission and apportionment advisory council members shall
20 be compensated and reimbursed for their necessary expenses as
21 provided by law.



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1 The chief election officer shall be secretary of the
2 commission without vote and, under the direction of the
3 commission, shall furnish all necessary technical services. The
4 legislature shall appropriate funds to enable the commission to
5 carry out its duties."

6 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
7 be as follows:

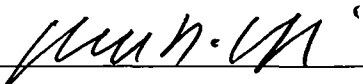
8 "Shall the reapportionment commission be expanded from nine
9 to eleven members, with the additional two members
10 representing citizen organizations and appointed by the
11 chief justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court?"

12 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
13 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
14 underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Reapportionment Commission; Constitutional Amendment

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to add two members to the Reapportionment Commission, representing citizen organizations, to be appointed by the Chief Justice.

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