
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADVISORY REFERENDUMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§11- Advisory referendums. (a) The legislature may
5 adopt any concurrent resolution to propose a non-binding
6 advisory referendum question to the people, who may vote on the
7 question during any general election; provided that the subject
8 of the non-binding advisory referendum question shall be limited
9 to the issuance of general obligation bonds. No concurrent
10 resolution adopted pursuant to this section shall embrace more
11 than one referendum question.

12 (b) The chief election officer shall publish a notice of
13 each advisory referendum question in a newspaper of general
14 circulation in the State no later than thirty days before the
15 date of the advisory referendum. The notice of the advisory
16 referendum shall also be available at all public libraries in
17 the State and the office of the clerk of each county.



1 (c) Each advisory referendum question shall be printed on
2 the ballot and the question shall have a designated space to
3 mark "yes" or "no".

4 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e), advisory
5 referendum questions that appear on a ballot shall be
6 collectively placed under a single heading that includes a
7 statement that reads as follows:

8 "This section of the ballot enables voters to make
9 recommendations advising the legislature whether or not to take
10 action on the questions posed. Regardless of the outcome of the
11 votes on these questions, further action by the legislature is
12 necessary for any recommendation to become law."

13 (e) The chief election officer may make grammatical
14 changes to the statement required by subsection (d) if a single
15 advisory referendum question appears on any ballot.

16 (f) The chief election officer shall certify and report to
17 the public the general election results regarding any advisory
18 referendum question at or about the same time of the release of
19 other results for the same general election. The chief election
20 officer shall also report to the legislature the general
21 election results regarding any advisory referendum question no



1 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
2 session that immediately follows the general election.

3 (g) The legislature shall consider the reported general
4 election results of any relevant advisory referendum question
5 when authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds. The
6 legislature may act in contradiction to the results of the
7 advisory referendum question; provided that a written
8 explanation of the legislative act that is contrary to the
9 reported majority vote on the advisory referendum question is
10 reflected in the legislative record."

11 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
12 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
13 begun before its effective date.

14 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2491.



Report Title:

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Description:

Authorizes the Legislature to adopt any Concurrent Resolution to propose a non-binding advisory referendum question concerning the issuance of general obligation bonds to the people, who may vote on the question during any general election. Imposes notice, certification, and reporting requirements on the Chief Election Officer. Requires a written explanation for any legislative acts that are contrary to the reported majority vote on the advisory referendum question to be reflected in the legislative record. Effective 1/1/2491. (SD1)

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