

1 **Section 1.** There shall be established a citizens' assembly
2 to consider and propose to the legislature constitutional and
3 statutory revisions or amendments to the laws governing
4 elections, political campaigns, campaign finance,
5 reapportionment, legislative process, ethics and public access
6 to information.

7 The citizens' assembly shall be composed of twenty-five
8 members who are registered voters in the State and who are
9 selected at random from population categories that are broadly
10 representative of the adult population of the State as to age,
11 gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status and geographical
12 distribution.

13 **Section 2.** The citizens' assembly shall convene in 2026,
14 starting in July, and every four years thereafter, and shall
15 disband after the next general election. The citizens' assembly
16 shall provide the public with the opportunity to make
17 recommendations to the citizens' assembly, in writing, orally at
18 public meetings or by other means.

19 The legislature shall provide for the method for selecting
20 the members of the citizens' assembly, the necessary facilities



1 and equipment for the assembly and for expenses incurred in the
2 conduct of the assembly."

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

5 "Shall the state constitution be amended to provide
6 for a citizens' assembly and to authorize the citizens'
7 assembly to propose to the legislature constitutional and
8 statutory revisions or amendments to the laws governing
9 elections, political campaigns, campaign finance,
10 reapportionment, legislative process, ethics, and public
11 access to information?"

12 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; Citizens' Assembly

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to provide for a citizens' assembly and to authorize the citizens' assembly to propose to the Legislature constitutional and statutory revisions or amendments to the laws governing elections, political campaigns, campaign finance, ethics, referendum, reapportionment, legislative process, and public access to information.

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