
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 2 AND ARTICLE XVIII,
SECTION 12, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO
ESTABLISH A SCHOOL BOARD COMPRISED OF APPOINTED AND ELECTED
MEMBERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Article X, section 2, of the Hawaii
2 Constitution is amended to read as follows:

3 **"BOARD OF EDUCATION**

4 **Section 2.** There shall be a board of education composed of
5 nine members. The governor shall nominate and, by and with the
6 advice and consent of the senate, appoint ~~[the]~~ five members of
7 the board of education, as provided by law. The four remaining
8 members shall be elected in a nonpartisan manner by qualified
9 voters, as provided by law. Of the four elected members, none
10 shall be eligible to serve as a board member unless the person
11 is either currently employed as a teacher or retired with the
12 last position of employment as a teacher. For the purpose of
13 this section, "teacher" means a person whose duties in the
14 public educational system are primarily teaching or instruction
15 of students or related activities centered primarily on students



1 and who is in close and continuous contact with students, and
2 shall be limited to classroom teachers and special education
3 teachers. There shall be at least one elected member residing
4 in each county. No person shall serve as a member for more than
5 twelve years in their lifetime."

6 SECTION 2. Article XVIII, section 12, of the Hawaii
7 Constitution is amended to read as follows:

8 **"BOARD OF EDUCATION TRANSITION**

9 **Section 12.** There shall be a period of transition from the
10 [~~elected~~] appointed to the appointed and elected board of
11 education, as provided by law."

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

14 "Shall the Board of Education be changed from a board
15 appointed by the governor to a board with five members
16 appointed by the governor and four members elected by the
17 qualified voters of the State, where the elected members
18 shall be teachers or retired teachers representing each
19 county, with all members serving no more than twelve years
20 as a member?"



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1 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
2 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
3 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; School Board; Appointed and Elected

Description:

Proposes a constitutional amendment that would establish a school board comprised of five members appointed by the governor and four members elected by the voters and representing each county. Prohibits board members from serving more than twelve years as a member.

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