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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII REGARDING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

**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 I, section 4, of the Constitution of the  
3 State of Hawaii to provide that the participation of non-natural  
4 persons in election activities and campaign finance activities  
5 may be regulated, restricted, or prohibited as provided by law.

6 SECTION 2. Article I, section 4, of the Constitution of  
7 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

8 **"FREEDOM OF RELIGION, SPEECH, PRESS,**

9 **ASSEMBLY AND PETITION**

10 **Section 4.** No law shall be enacted respecting an  
11 establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise  
12 thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press or  
13 the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition  
14 the government for a redress of grievances[.]; provided that the  
15 participation of non-natural persons in election activities and



1     campaign finance activities may be regulated, restricted or  
2     prohibited as provided by law."

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

5           "Shall the provision of the Constitution of the State  
6     of Hawaii that protects the freedom of speech be amended to  
7     provide that the participation of non-natural persons in  
8     election activities and campaign finance activities may be  
9     regulated, restricted, or prohibited as provided by law?"

10          SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is  
11     bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is  
12     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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# S.B. NO. 2040

**Report Title:**

Constitutional Amendment; Speech; Elections; Non-Natural Persons; Business Entities

**Description:**

Proposes an amendment to Article I, Section 4, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to provide that the participation of non-natural persons in election activities and campaign finance activities may be regulated, restricted, or prohibited as provided by law.

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