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May 12, 2008

Mr. Kevin Cronin
Chief Election Officer
Office of Elections
802 Lehua Avenue
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

Re: Hawaii State Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the Legislature

Dear Mr. Cronin:

During the Regular Sessions of 2007 and 2008, Twenty-fourth Legislature, one (1) measure containing a proposed constitutional amendment was adopted in conformance with the requirements specified in Article XVII, Section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution.

The constitutional amendment question with the exact wording as specified in the legislation adopted is as follows:

S.B. No. 966, entitled:

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 1, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, TO CHANGE THE AGE QUALIFICATION FOR THE OFFICES OF THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FROM THE AGE OF THIRTY YEARS TO THE AGE OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

QUESTION: "Shall the age qualification for the office of governor and office of lieutenant governor be reduced from thirty years of age to twenty-five years of age?"

S.B. No. 966 passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 21, 2008, with 50 members voting in the affirmative and Final Reading in the Senate on April 23, 2008, with 23 members voting in the affirmative.

We write to conform with the provisions of Section 11-119 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes which state in pertinent part:

"Whenever the chief election officer is responsible for the printing of ballots, the exact wording to appear thereon, including, but not limited to, questions and issues shall be submitted to the chief election officer not later than 4:30 p.m. on the sixtieth calendar day prior to the applicable election."

Sincerely,



Carol Taniguchi
Clerk of the Senate



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Clerk of the House

CC: President and Members of the
Hawaii State Senate
Speaker and Members of the
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 1, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, TO CHANGE THE AGE QUALIFICATION FOR THE OFFICES OF GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FROM THE AGE OF THIRTY YEARS TO THE AGE OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that amending the
2 Constitution of the State of Hawaii to allow Hawaii residents,
3 twenty-five years and older, to be a candidate for and hold the
4 office of governor or lieutenant governor will inspire Hawaii's
5 young people to participate in the leadership process. There
6 are many outstanding, qualified, and experienced candidates
7 under thirty who are unable to run for the office of governor or
8 lieutenant governor because of the current arbitrary age
9 restriction of thirty years.

10 While there are many successful entrepreneurs, military
11 leaders, and elected officials who are under the age of thirty,
12 young people are generally more disillusioned with government,
13 and feel they are excluded and are not a part of the process.
14 Lowering the age to twenty-five for Hawaii's top elected
15 officials will inspire young people, who will realize the door



1 is open and the opportunity is there for them to represent our
2 state as governor or lieutenant governor.

3 The legislature further finds that a twenty-five year old,
4 according to the United States Constitution, is qualified to run
5 for and be elected to Congress, and therefore has the power to
6 declare war, sending hundreds of thousands of American sons and
7 daughters into combat, risking their lives. Thousands of Hawaii
8 soldiers of all ages recently returned from Iraq, and many of
9 these returning veterans are young people who feel inspired from
10 the experience to serve Hawaii in a leadership position.

11 The purpose of this Act is to propose an amendment to
12 article V, section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii
13 to reduce the age qualification for the office of governor from
14 thirty years to twenty-five years. This amendment will also
15 reduce the age for the lieutenant governor, as the
16 qualifications are the same for both offices, as stated in
17 article V, section 2.

18 SECTION 2. Article V, section 1, of the Constitution of
19 the State of Hawaii is amended to read as follows:

20 "THE EXECUTIVE

21 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE



1 **Section 1.** The executive power of the State shall be
2 vested in a governor. The governor shall be elected by the
3 qualified voters of this State at a general election. The
4 person receiving the highest number of votes shall be the
5 governor. In case of a tie vote, the selection of the governor
6 shall be determined as provided by law.

7 The term of office of the governor shall begin at noon on
8 the first Monday in December next following the governor's
9 election and end at noon on the first Monday in December, four
10 years thereafter.

11 No person shall be elected to the office of governor for
12 more than two consecutive full terms.

13 No person shall be eligible for the office of governor
14 unless the person shall be a qualified voter, have attained the
15 age of [~~thirty~~] twenty-five years and have been a resident of
16 this State for five years immediately preceding the person's
17 election.

18 The governor shall not hold any other office or employment
19 of profit under the State or the United States during the
20 governor's term of office."

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



1 "Shall the age qualification for the office of governor and
2 office of lieutenant governor be reduced from thirty years
3 of age to twenty-five years of age?"

4 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
5 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is
6 underscored.



7 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
8 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
9 the State of Hawaii.

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INTRODUCED BY: David J. Ige (BR)



Hawaii State Legislature Bill Status

SB966  

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Measure Title: PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 1, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION, TO CHANGE THE AGE QUALIFICATION FOR THE OFFICES OF GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FROM THE AGE OF THIRTY YEARS TO THE AGE OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

Report Title: Constitutional Amendment; Age Qualifications (ConAm)

Description: Amends the constitution to change the age qualification for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor from the age of thirty years to the age of twenty-five years.

Package: None

Companion:

Introducer(s): IGE (BR)

Current Referral: JUD, FIN

DATE	STATUS	STATUS TEXT
1/19/2007	S	Introduced.
1/22/2007	S	Passed First Reading.
1/24/2007	S	Referred to JDL.
2/16/2007	S	The committee(s) on JDL has scheduled a public hearing on 02-19-07 at 12:15 pm in conference room 229.
2/16/2007	S	The committee(s) on JDL will hold a public decision making on 02-20-07 at 10:00 am in conference room 229.
2/19/2007	S	The committee(s) on JDL recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in JDL were as follows: 3 Aye(s): Senator(s) Hee, Nishihara, Gabbard; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Kokubun, Inouye.
2/20/2007	S	The committee(s) on JDL recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in JDL were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) Hee, Kokubun, Inouye, Nishihara, Gabbard; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.
3/1/2007	S	Reported from JDL (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 655) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading and placement on the calendar for Third Reading.
3/1/2007	S	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading.
3/1/2007	S	One Day Notice 03-02-07.
3/2/2007	S	Deferred until 03-06-07.
3/6/2007	S	Passed Third Reading. Ayes, 24; Aye(s) with reservations: none . Noes, 1 (Senator(s) Trimble). Excused, 0 (none). Transmitted to House.
3/6/2007	H	Received from Senate (Sen. Com. No. 173).
3/8/2007	H	Pass First Reading

3/9/2007	H	Referred to JUD, FIN, referral sheet 31
3/16/2007	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by JUD on Tuesday, 03-20-07 at 2:00 pm in House conference room 325.
3/20/2007	H	The committees on JUD recommend that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes were as follows: 10 Ayes: Representative(s) Waters, B. Oshiro, Caldwell, Evans, Ito, Luke, Tsuji, Yamane, Yamashita, Marumoto; Ayes with reservations: none; 1 Noes: Representative(s) Green; and 6 Excused: Representative(s) McKelvey, Morita, Sonson, Souki, Pine, Thielen.
3/22/2007	H	Reported from the committee on JUD (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1457), recommending passage on Second Reading and referral to the committee on FIN.
3/23/2007	H	Passed Second Reading and referred to the committee(s) on FIN with none voting no (0) and Takamine, Thielen excused (2).
8/27/2007 3:03:17 PM	D	Carried over to 2008 Regular Session.
3/28/2008	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by FIN on Monday, 03-31-08 at 3:30 pm in House conference room 308.
3/31/2008	H	The committees on FIN recommend that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes were as follows: 17 Ayes: Representative(s) M. Oshiro, Lee, Brower, Carroll, Hanohano, Har, Karamatsu, Magaoay, Manahan, Mizuno, Rhoads, Sagum, Tokioka, Pine; Ayes with reservations: Representative(s) Awana, Meyer, Ward; 0 Noes: none; and 2 Excused: Representative(s) Belatti, Nakasone.
4/4/2008	H	Reported from FIN (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1778-08), recommending passage on Third Reading.
4/4/2008	H	Ten (10) day notice, Monday, 04-21-08.
4/9/2008	H	Notice of bill proposing constitutional amendment is sent to the Governor by the House.
4/21/2008	H	Passed Third Reading with none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Nakasone excused (1). Transmitted to Senate.
4/22/2008	S	Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 787).
4/22/2008	S	One Day Notice 04-22-08.
4/23/2008	S	Passed Final Reading. 23 Aye(s); Aye(s) with reservations: Senator(s) Kim . 2 No(es): Senator (s) Hemmings, Trimble. 0 Excused: none.
4/23/2008	H	Received notice of Final Reading (Sen. Com. No. 704).
4/23/2008	S	Enrolled to Governor.

S = Senate

H = House

D = Data Systems

\$ = Appropriation measure

ConAm = Constitutional Amendment

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