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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require the  
2 legislature to follow certain fundamental principles of the  
3 sunshine law in conducting its business, including:
- 4           (1) Requiring a majority vote to suspend a legislative  
5           rule;
- 6           (2) Requiring that proposed amendments to a bill be  
7           germane to the subject of the bill proposition,  
8           section, or paragraph to be amended;
- 9           (3) Requiring that correspondence received by the  
10           legislature or any of its single or joint committees  
11           on a measure be considered as testimony on the  
12           measure; and
- 13           (4) Requiring that all floor votes, except on first  
14           reading, be printed on the order of the day before  
15           consideration.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read  
3 as follows:

4 "PART . LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

5 §92- Rules of the legislature. Each legislative house  
6 shall adopt official rules and policies by a majority vote. A  
7 majority vote shall be taken before suspending any legislative  
8 rule.

9 §92- Amendments shall be germane. Every amendment  
10 proposed on a bill shall be germane to the subject of the  
11 proposition, section, or paragraph to be amended.

12 §92- Testimony. All correspondence received by the  
13 legislature or any of its single or joint committees on a  
14 measure shall be considered as testimony on that measure.

15 §92- Agenda and voting. All items to be voted on by  
16 each legislative house, except for first reading votes on bills,  
17 shall be printed on the order of the day before consideration,  
18 including votes to agree to amendments from the other house."

19 SECTION 3. Section 92-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended to read as follows:



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1           "§92-10 Legislative branch; applicability.

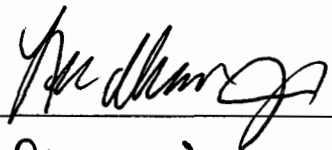

2   Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this chapter to the  
3   contrary, open meeting requirements, and provisions regarding  
4   enforcement, penalties, and sanctions, as they are to relate to  
5   the state legislature or to any of its members shall be [~~such as~~  
6   ~~shall be~~] as from time to time prescribed by the respective  
7   rules and procedures of the senate and the house of  
8   representatives, which rules and procedures shall take  
9   precedence over this part [-], except as provided in part \_\_\_\_\_ of  
10 this chapter. Similarly, provisions relating to notice, agenda  
11 and minutes of meetings, and [~~such~~] other requirements as may be  
12 necessary, shall also be governed by the respective rules and  
13 procedures of the senate and the house of representatives."

14           SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Sunshine Law; Legislative Requirements

**Description:**

Requires the legislature to follow fundamental principles of the sunshine law, including: requiring a majority vote to suspend legislative rules; requiring proposed amendments on a bill to be germane to the text to be amended; requiring correspondence on measures to be considered testimony; and requiring the posting, on the order of the day, of votes by a house to agree to amendments made by the other house.

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