

# THE THIRD ACT OF KAMEHAMEHA III (1846)

## An Act to Organize the Legislative Department of the Hawaiian Islands

Be it enacted by the King and the Chiefs of the Hawaiian Islands, in Legislative Council assembled:

### SECTION I.

The legislative power of the Hawaiian Kingdom shall be vested in a bicameral legislature, composed of:

1. The House of Nobles
2. The House of Representatives

### SECTION II.

The House of Nobles shall be composed of high chiefs appointed by the King, who shall serve without salary and during the King's pleasure.

### SECTION III.

The House of Representatives shall be composed of members elected by the people, according to laws enacted for election and representation.

### SECTION IV.

The two houses shall sit separately, but no act shall have the force of law unless approved by both houses and assented to by the King.

### SECTION V.

The legislature shall have the power to levy taxes, appropriate funds, enact laws, and provide for the general welfare of the Kingdom, subject to the Constitution.

### SECTION VI.

The King shall open each legislative session with a speech outlining the state of the Kingdom and its needs.

#### SECTION VII.

Members of both houses shall be bound by oath to support the Constitution and faithfully perform their duties.

#### SECTION VIII.

No person shall sit as a legislator who has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

Approved this 20th day of May, 1846.

Kamehameha III

(End of Third Act)