

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION JJ

October 15, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Meekhof, Kowall, Wayne Schmidt, Agema and Amash and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 31 of article IV, to provide that certain state budget bills be presented to the governor on or before a certain date.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to provide that certain state budget bills be presented to the governor on or before a certain date, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 31. The general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period covering items set forth in the budget shall be

1 passed or rejected in either house of the legislature before that
2 house passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget
3 except bills supplementing appropriations for the current fiscal
4 year's operation. Any bill requiring an appropriation to carry out
5 its purpose shall be considered an appropriation bill. One of the
6 general appropriation bills as passed by the legislature shall
7 contain an itemized statement of estimated revenue by major source
8 in each operating fund for the ensuing fiscal period, the total of
9 which shall not be less than the total of all appropriations made
10 from each fund in the general appropriation bills as passed. **THE**
11 **LEGISLATURE SHALL PRESENT GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS FOR SCHOOL**
12 **AID FOR THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL PERIOD TO THE GOVERNOR ON OR BEFORE**
13 **MAY 15 OF EACH YEAR. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION,**
14 **THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PRESENT ALL GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS FOR**
15 **THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL PERIOD TO THE GOVERNOR ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF**
16 **EACH YEAR.**

17 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
18 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
19 in the manner provided by law.