

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION EEE

May 4, 2010, Introduced by Rep. LeBlanc and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 31 and 54 of article IV and by adding section 55 to article IV, to modify term limits for certain elected state offices, to provide that certain state budget bills be presented to and signed by the governor on or before a certain date, and to reduce compensation of state legislators, the governor, and the lieutenant governor when certain state budget bills are not presented to and signed by 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 modify term limits for certain elected

state offices, to provide that certain state budget bills be presented to and signed by the governor on or before a certain date, and to reduce compensation of state legislators, the governor, and the lieutenant governor when certain state budget bills are not presented to and signed by the governor on or before a certain date, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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ARTICLE IV

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Sec. 31. The general appropriation bills for the succeeding

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fiscal period covering items set forth in the budget shall be

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passed or rejected in either house of the legislature before that

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house passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget

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except bills supplementing appropriations for the current fiscal

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year's operation. Any bill requiring an appropriation to carry out

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its purpose shall be considered an appropriation bill. One of the

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general appropriation bills as passed by the legislature shall

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contain an itemized statement of estimated revenue by major source

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in each operating fund for the ensuing fiscal period, the total of

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which shall not be less than the total of all appropriations made

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from each fund in the general appropriation bills as passed. **THE**

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LEGISLATURE SHALL PRESENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GOVERNOR SHALL

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SIGN ALL GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS FOR THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL

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PERIOD ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR.

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Sec. 54. No person shall ~~be elected to the office of~~ **SERVE AS**

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~~A state representative more than three times. No person shall be~~

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~~elected to the office of state senate more than two times~~ **OR STATE**

1 **SENATOR FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF MORE THAN 14 YEARS.** Any person
 2 appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of
 3 representatives or the state senate ~~for a period greater than one~~
 4 ~~half of a term of such office,~~ **WHO HOLDS OFFICE FOR ONE DAY OR MORE**
 5 **WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR** shall be considered to have ~~been elected to~~
 6 ~~serve one time in that office~~ **SERVED THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR** for
 7 purposes of this section. This limitation on the number of ~~times~~
 8 **YEARS** a person ~~shall be elected to~~ **MAY SERVE IN** office shall apply
 9 to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993. **A PERSON**
 10 **IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR**
 11 **UNLESS THAT PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE THE ENTIRE TERM OF THAT**
 12 **OFFICE UNDER THIS SECTION.**

13 This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be
 14 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall
 15 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of
 16 this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the
 17 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will
 18 remain in full force and effect.

19 **SEC. 55. IF THE LEGISLATURE HAS NOT PRESENTED ALL GENERAL**
 20 **APPROPRIATION BILLS FOR THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL PERIOD TO THE**
 21 **GOVERNOR BY THE DATE SET FORTH IN SECTION 31 OF THIS ARTICLE, EACH**
 22 **LEGISLATOR SHALL FORFEIT HIS OR HER SALARY FOR EACH DAY AFTER THAT**
 23 **DATE THAT ALL THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS HAVE NOT BEEN**
 24 **PRESENTED. IF THE GOVERNOR HAS NOT SIGNED ALL GENERAL APPROPRIATION**
 25 **BILLS FOR THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL PERIOD BY THE DATE SET FORTH IN**
 26 **SECTION 31 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**
 27 **SHALL FORFEIT HIS OR HER SALARY FOR EACH DAY AFTER THAT DATE THAT**

1 **ALL THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS HAVE NOT BEEN SIGNED.**

2 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
3 submitted to the people of the state at a special election to be
4 held at the same time as the 2010 August regular election in the
5 manner provided by law.