

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION AA

June 30, 2010, Introduced by Senators ANDERSON, BRATER, THOMAS, PRUSI, OLSHOVE, SCOTT, HUNTER, BASHAM, CLARK-COLEMAN, WHITMER, JACOBS, CHERRY, BARCIA, SWITALSKI, GLEASON and CLARKE and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 31 to article V, to prohibit the drilling of a well for the exploration or production of oil or natural gas within the Great Lakes or beneath the bottomlands of the Great Lakes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to prohibit the drilling of a well for the exploration or production of oil or natural gas within the Great Lakes or beneath the bottomlands of the Great Lakes, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE V

SEC. 31. BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON SHALL NOT DRILL A WELL, AND THE STATE SHALL NOT AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF A WELL, WITHIN THE GREAT LAKES OR BENEATH THE BOTTOMLANDS OF THE GREAT LAKES FOR THE EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "GREAT LAKES" INCLUDES THE CONNECTED BAYS AND HARBORS OF THE GREAT LAKES AND THE ST. MARYS RIVER, THE DETROIT RIVER, THE ST. CLAIR RIVER, AND LAKE ST. CLAIR.

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