

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION G

June 15, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Calley and Steenland and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 1 and 2 of article XII, to change the deadlines for proposed amendments to the state constitution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to change the deadlines for proposed amendments to the state constitution, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

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ARTICLE XII

1 Sec. 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in the
2 senate or house of representatives. Proposed amendments agreed to
3 by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house
4 on a vote with the names and vote of those voting entered in the
5 respective journals shall be submitted, not less than ~~60~~90 days
6 thereafter, to the electors at the next general election or special
7 election as the legislature shall direct. If a majority of electors
8 voting on a proposed amendment approve the same, it shall become
9 part of the constitution and shall abrogate or amend existing
10 provisions of the constitution at the end of 45 days after the date
11 of the election at which it was approved.

12 Sec. 2. Amendments may be proposed to this constitution by
13 petition of the registered electors of this state. Every petition
14 shall include the full text of the proposed amendment, and be
15 signed by registered electors of the state equal in number to at
16 least 10 percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for
17 governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor
18 was elected. Such petitions shall be filed with the person
19 authorized by law to receive the same at least ~~120~~150 days before
20 the election at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon.
21 Any such petition shall be in the form, and shall be signed and
22 circulated in such manner, as prescribed by law. The person
23 authorized by law to receive such petition shall upon its receipt
24 determine, as provided by law, the validity and sufficiency of the
25 signatures on the petition, and make an official announcement
26 thereof at least ~~60~~90 days prior to the election at which the
27 proposed amendment is to be voted upon.

28 Any amendment proposed by such petition shall be submitted,
29 not less than ~~120~~150 days after it was filed, to the electors at

1 the next general election. Such proposed amendment, existing
2 provisions of the constitution which would be altered or abrogated
3 thereby, and the question as it shall appear on the ballot shall be
4 published in full as provided by law. Copies of such publication
5 shall be posted in each polling place and furnished to news media
6 as provided by law.

7 The ballot to be used in such election shall contain a
8 statement of the purpose of the proposed amendment, expressed in
9 not more than 100 words, exclusive of caption. Such statement of
10 purpose and caption shall be prepared by the person authorized by
11 law, and shall consist of a true and impartial statement of the
12 purpose of the amendment in such language as shall create no
13 prejudice for or against the proposed amendment.

14 If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the
15 electors voting on the question, it shall become part of the
16 constitution, and shall abrogate or amend existing provisions of
17 the constitution at the end of 45 days after the date of the
18 election at which it was approved. If two or more amendments
19 approved by the electors at the same election conflict, that
20 amendment receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

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