

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION U

June 14, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Yaroch, Paquette and Beson and referred to the Committee on Education.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 3 of article VIII, to provide for the election of members of the state board of education from congressional districts.

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 for the election of members of the state board of education from congressional districts, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VIII

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2 Sec. 3. Leadership and general supervision over all public
3 education, including adult education and instructional programs in
4 state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education
5 granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of
6 education. ~~It shall serve~~ **The state board of education serves** as
7 the general planning and coordinating body for all public
8 education, including higher education, and ~~shall advise~~ **advises** the
9 legislature as to the financial requirements in connection
10 therewith.

11 The state board of education shall appoint a superintendent of
12 public instruction whose term of office ~~shall be~~ **is** determined by
13 the board. ~~He shall be~~ **The superintendent of public instruction is**
14 the ~~chairman~~ **chairperson** of the **state board of education** without
15 the right to vote, and ~~shall be~~ **is** responsible for the execution
16 of ~~its~~ **board** policies. ~~He shall be~~ **The superintendent of public**
17 **instruction is** the principal executive officer of a state
18 department of education, which ~~shall have~~ **has the** powers and duties
19 provided by law.

20 ~~The~~ **Except as otherwise provided in this section, the** state
21 board of education ~~shall consist~~ **consists** of eight members who
22 ~~shall be~~ **are** nominated by party conventions and elected at large
23 for terms of eight years as prescribed by law. The **eight-member**
24 **state board of education as constituted on December 31, 2024, is**
25 **abolished at 12 noon on January 1, 2025, and the terms of office of**
26 **those members of the state board of education expire.**

27 Beginning at 12 noon on January 1, 2025, the state board of
28 education consists of one member elected from each congressional
29 district in this state. For the 2024 general November election, and

1 every eight years thereafter, one individual from each
2 congressional district must be nominated by party conventions for
3 election to the state board of education. Members of the state
4 board of education elected at the 2024 general November election,
5 and every eight years thereafter, serve for a term of office of
6 eight years that begins at 12 noon on January 1 following the
7 election.

8 Subject to this section, the governor shall fill any vacancy
9 by appointment for the unexpired term. Beginning at 12 noon on
10 January 1, 2025, the governor shall fill any vacancy on the state
11 board of education with an individual who resides in the
12 congressional district from which the vacancy occurs. The governor
13 shall be ex-officio a member of the state board of education
14 without the right to vote.

15 The power of the boards of institutions of higher education
16 provided in this constitution to supervise their respective
17 institutions and control and direct the expenditure of the
18 institutions' funds shall not be limited by this section.

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