

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION C

June 10, 2025, Introduced by Senators THEIS, LAUWERS, BELLINO, RUNESTAD and OUTMAN and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 21a to article V, to provide for the election of the director of the department of natural resources.

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 the director of the department of natural resources, is proposed, agreed to, and

submitted to the people of the state:

1 ARTICLE V

2 Sec. 21a. (1) Beginning with the 2030 general election and  
3 every four years thereafter, the director of the department of  
4 natural resources shall be elected for a four-year term of office  
5 commencing at 12 noon on January 1 following his or her election.

6 (2) The director of the department of natural resources shall  
7 be nominated by party conventions in a manner prescribed by law.

8 (3) A vacancy in the office of the director of the department  
9 of natural resources must be filled by appointment by the governor.

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