



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION L

October 12, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Thomas, Pestka, Clark, Switalski, Jamnick, Hale, Brater, DeHart, Bovin, Bob Brown, Minore, Garza, Schermesser, Gielegem, Rivet and Lemmons and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Law and Ethics.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 31 to article V, to provide that the governor meet with the legislature periodically.

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 that the governor meet with the legislature periodically, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE V

SEC. 31. NOT LESS THAN ONCE EACH MONTH WHILE THE LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ATTEND A SESSION OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE. AT EACH SESSION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL RESPOND TO QUESTIONS BY LEGISLATORS ABOUT THE GENERAL STATE OF GOVERNMENT AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH POLICIES. THE GOVERNOR SHALL RESPOND TO AN EQUAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF

1 THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY PARTIES. THE GOVERNOR MAY BRING THE
2 HEADS OF EACH PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN ANSWERING
3 QUESTIONS.

4 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be sub-
5 mitted to the people of the state at the next general election in
6 the manner provided by law.