

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION A

January 30, 2001, Introduced by Senator SCHWARZ and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 5 of article VIII, to provide for gubernatorial appointment of the governing boards of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University and to limit the number of appointments of a governing board member.

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 gubernatorial appointment of the governing boards of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University and to limit the number of appointments of a governing board member, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VIII

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2 Sec. 5. The regents of the University of Michigan and their
3 successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as
4 the Regents of the University of Michigan; the trustees of
5 Michigan State University and their successors in office shall
6 constitute a body corporate known as the Board of Trustees of
7 Michigan State University; the governors of Wayne State
8 University and their successors in office shall constitute a body
9 corporate known as the Board of Governors of Wayne State
10 University. Each board shall have general supervision of its
11 institution and the control and direction of all expenditures
12 from the institution's funds. Each board shall, as often as nec-
13 essary, elect a president of the institution under its
14 supervision. ~~He~~ THE PRESIDENT shall be the principal executive
15 officer of the institution, be ex-officio a member of the board
16 without the right to vote and preside at meetings of the board.
17 The board of each institution shall consist of eight members who
18 shall hold office for terms of eight years. ~~and who shall be~~
19 ~~elected as provided by law.~~ BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY
20 THE GOVERNOR BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.
21 The governor shall fill board vacancies by appointment. Each
22 appointee shall hold office until a successor has been ~~nominated~~
23 ~~and elected~~ APPOINTED as provided ~~by law~~ UNDER THIS SECTION.
24 NOT MORE THAN FIVE BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SAME
25 POLITICAL PARTY AS THE GOVERNOR AND NOT FEWER THAN THREE BOARD
26 MEMBERS SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL PARTY WHOSE CANDIDATE
27 FOR GOVERNOR RECEIVED THE SECOND HIGHEST VOTE AT THE LAST GENERAL

1 ELECTION AT WHICH A GOVERNOR WAS ELECTED. NO PERSON SHALL BE
2 APPOINTED AS A BOARD MEMBER MORE THAN TWO TIMES.

3 A MEMBER OF A BOARD WHO WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD AS PROVIDED
4 BY LAW AND WHO IS SERVING IN THAT OFFICE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
5 THE AMENDMENTS TO THIS SECTION SHALL CONTINUE TO HOLD OFFICE FOR
6 THE BALANCE OF THE MEMBER'S UNEXPIRED TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR
7 IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

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