

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION D

February 3, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Gosselin, Drolet, Hoogendyk and Palmer and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 12 and 13 of article IV, to limit the legislative session and to reduce salaries and expense allowances of members of the legislature.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to limit the legislative session and to reduce salaries and expense allowances of members of the legislature, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 12. The state officers compensation commission is created

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1 which subject to this section shall determine the salaries and
2 expense allowances of ~~the members of the legislature,~~ the
3 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
4 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court. The
5 commission shall consist of 7 members appointed by the governor
6 whose qualifications may be determined by law. Subject to the
7 legislature's ability to amend the commission's determinations as
8 provided in this section, the commission shall determine the
9 salaries and expense allowances of ~~the members of the legislature,~~
10 the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
11 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court which
12 determinations shall be the salaries and expense allowances only if
13 the legislature by concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of
14 the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature
15 approve them. The senate and house of representatives shall
16 alternate on which house of the legislature shall originate the
17 concurrent resolution, with the senate originating the first
18 concurrent resolution.

19 The concurrent resolution may amend the salary and expense
20 determinations of the state officers compensation commission to
21 reduce the salary and expense determinations by the same proportion
22 for ~~members of the legislature,~~ the governor, the lieutenant
23 governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the
24 justices of the supreme court. The legislature shall not amend the
25 salary and expense determinations to reduce them to below the
26 salary and expense level that ~~members of the legislature,~~ the
27 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the

1 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court receive
2 on the date the salary and expense determinations are made. If the
3 salary and expense determinations are approved or amended as
4 provided in this section, the salary and expense determinations
5 shall become effective for the legislative session immediately
6 following the next general election. The commission shall meet each
7 2 years for no more than 15 session days. **SALARIES AND EXPENSE**
8 **ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE 18.75% OF THE**
9 **SALARIES AND EXPENSE ALLOWANCES IN EFFECT IN 2004. EXPENSE**
10 **ALLOWANCES SHALL ONLY BE PAID FOR THE PERIODS THAT THE LEGISLATURE**
11 **IS IN SESSION.** The legislature shall implement this section by
12 law.

13 Sec. 13. **EXCEPT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS CALLED TO CONVENE ON**
14 **EXTRAORDINARY OCCASIONS, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET AS**
15 **PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.** The legislature shall meet at the seat
16 of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at
17 twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without
18 day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve
19 o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the
20 final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year
21 shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session.
22 **IN 2007 AND EVERY YEAR AFTER 2007, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET FOR**
23 **NOT MORE THAN 90 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.**

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