

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION EEE

July 16, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Meadows and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Investigations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 12 of article IV and repealing section 54 of article IV, to reduce salaries of members of the legislature, to prohibit retirement health benefits for members of the legislature, and to repeal term limits for 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 reduce salaries of members of the legislature, to prohibit retirement health benefits for members of the legislature, and to repeal term limits for members of the legislature, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

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

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

1 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
2 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court receive
3 on the date the salary and expense determinations are made. If the
4 salary and expense determinations are approved or amended as
5 provided in this section, the salary and expense determinations
6 shall become effective for the legislative session immediately
7 following the next general election. The commission shall meet each
8 2 years for no more than 15 session days. The legislature shall
9 implement this section by law.

10 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009, A LEGISLATOR SHALL RECEIVE A SALARY
11 OF \$5,000.00 FOR EACH MONTH IN WHICH THE LEGISLATOR ATTENDS ALL
12 SCHEDULED SESSION DAYS. A LEGISLATOR'S SALARY SHALL BE REDUCED
13 PROPORTIONALLY FOR EACH SESSION DAY THE LEGISLATOR DOES NOT ATTEND.
14 A LEGISLATOR SHALL NOT BE PROVIDED ANY RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS
15 SOLELY BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER SERVICE IN THE LEGISLATURE. THE SALARY
16 OF A LEGISLATOR MAY BE CHANGED BY THE STATE OFFICERS COMPENSATION
17 COMMISSION AND THE LEGISLATURE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

18 ~~Sec. 54. No person shall be elected to the office of state~~
19 ~~representative more than three times. No person shall be elected to~~
20 ~~the office of state senate more than two times. Any person~~
21 ~~appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of~~
22 ~~representatives or the state senate for a period greater than one~~
23 ~~half of a term of such office, shall be considered to have been~~
24 ~~elected to serve one time in that office for purposes of this~~
25 ~~section. This limitation on the number of times a person shall be~~
26 ~~elected to office shall apply to terms of office beginning on or~~
27 ~~after January 1, 1993.~~

1 ~~—— This section shall be self executing. Legislation may be~~
2 ~~enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall~~
3 ~~limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of~~
4 ~~this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the~~
5 ~~remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will~~
6 ~~remain in full force and effect.~~

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