

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION EE

September 10, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Agema, Haines, Lori, Paul Scott, Denby, Kowall, Tyler, Daley, Knollenberg, DeShazor, Meltzer, Meekhof, Hildenbrand, Elsenheimer, Pearce, Amash and Moore and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 13, 31, and 54 of article IV, to limit the legislative session, to provide that certain state budget bills be presented to the governor on or before a certain date, and to modify term limits for certain elected state offices.

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, to provide that certain state budget bills be presented to the governor on or before a certain date, and to modify term limits for certain elected state offices, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the

people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

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Sec. 13. **EXCEPT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS CALLED TO CONVENE ON EXTRAORDINARY OCCASIONS, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.** The legislature shall meet at the seat of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session. **IN 2011 AND EVERY YEAR AFTER 2011, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET FOR NOT MORE THAN 150 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OR 5 MONTHS.**

Sec. 31. The general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period covering items set forth in the budget shall be passed or rejected in either house of the legislature before that house passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget except bills supplementing appropriations for the current fiscal year's operation. Any bill requiring an appropriation to carry out its purpose shall be considered an appropriation bill. One of the general appropriation bills as passed by the legislature shall contain an itemized statement of estimated revenue by major source in each operating fund for the ensuing fiscal period, the total of which shall not be less than the total of all appropriations made from each fund in the general appropriation bills as passed. **THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PRESENT ALL GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS FOR THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL PERIOD TO THE GOVERNOR ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15 OF**

1 EACH YEAR.

2 Sec. 54. No person shall ~~be elected to the office of~~ **SERVE AS**  
3 **A** state representative ~~more than three times. No person shall be~~  
4 ~~elected to the office of state senate more than two times~~ **OR STATE**  
5 **SENATOR FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF MORE THAN 16 YEARS.** Any person  
6 appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of  
7 representatives or the state senate ~~for a period greater than one~~  
8 ~~half of a term of such office,~~ **WHO HOLDS OFFICE FOR ONE DAY OR MORE**  
9 **WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR** shall be considered to have ~~been elected to~~  
10 ~~serve one time in that office~~ **SERVED THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR** for  
11 purposes of this section. This limitation on the number of ~~times~~  
12 **YEARS** a person ~~shall be elected to~~ **MAY SERVE IN** office shall apply  
13 to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993. **A PERSON**  
14 **IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR**  
15 **UNLESS THAT PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE THE ENTIRE TERM OF THAT**  
16 **OFFICE UNDER THIS SECTION.**

17 This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be  
18 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall  
19 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of  
20 this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the  
21 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will  
22 remain in full force and effect.

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