

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION A

January 14, 2009, Introduced by Senator BISHOP and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 13 and 54 of article IV, to limit the legislative session and to repeal term limits for legislators first serving in 2011 or later.

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 repeal term limits for legislators first serving in 2011 or later, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

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

1 government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at
2 twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without
3 day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve
4 o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the
5 final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year
6 shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session.
7 **IN 2011 AND EVERY YEAR AFTER 2011, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET FOR**
8 **NOT MORE THAN 90 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. IN ADDITION, THE LEGISLATURE MAY**
9 **BE CALLED TO CONVENE ON AN EXTRAORDINARY OCCASION BY UNANIMOUS**
10 **CONSENT OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE**
11 **LEGISLATURE.**

12 Sec. 54. No person **WHO HAS SERVED AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE**
13 **PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2011** shall be elected to the office of state
14 representative more than three times. No person **WHO HAS SERVED AS A**
15 **STATE SENATOR PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2011** shall be elected to the
16 office of state senate more than two times. Any person appointed or
17 elected to fill a vacancy in the house of representatives or the
18 state senate for a period greater than one half of a term of such
19 office, shall be considered to have been elected to serve one time
20 in that office for purposes of this section. This limitation on the
21 number of times a person shall be elected to office shall apply to
22 terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993.

23 This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be
24 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall
25 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of
26 this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the
27 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will

1 remain in full force and effect.

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