

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION F

February 5, 2013, Introduced by Rep. Somerville 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, and by adding section 55 to article IV, to limit the legislative session, to reduce salaries of members of the legislature, and to reduce compensation of state legislators who have absences from legislative session.

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 reduce salaries of members of the legislature, and to reduce compensation of state legislators who have absences from legislative session, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

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

9 Sec. 13. **EXCEPT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS CALLED TO CONVENE ON**
10 **EXTRAORDINARY OCCASIONS, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET AS**
11 **PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.** The legislature shall meet at the seat of
12 government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at
13 twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without
14 day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve
15 o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the
16 final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year
17 shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session.
18 **IN 2015 AND EVERY YEAR AFTER 2015, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET FOR**
19 **NOT MORE THAN 72 DAYS.**

20 **SEC. 55. BEGINNING IN 2015, THE BASE SALARY OF A MEMBER OF THE**
21 **LEGISLATURE IS \$52,000.00. IN ADDITION TO A MEMBER OF THE**
22 **LEGISLATURE'S BASE SALARY, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE**
23 **PAID \$170.00 PER SESSION DAY. IF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE**
24 **LEGISLATURE IS CALLED, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE PAID**
25 **FOR THE ADDITIONAL DAYS AT THE RATE SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION. A**
26 **MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO DOES NOT ATTEND SESSION ON ANY DAY**
27 **THAT THE LEGISLATIVE BODY IS IN SESSION SHALL NOT RECEIVE**

1 **COMPENSATION FOR THAT DAY.**

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.