

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION Q

March 05, 2020, Introduced by Reps. LaFave and Markkanen and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 31 to article V, to create the natural resources commission and the Upper Peninsula natural resources commission.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to create the natural resources commission and the Upper Peninsula natural resources commission, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

1

ARTICLE V



KHS



03913'19

1 Sec. 31. (1) The natural resources commission is created. The
2 natural resources commission is composed of seven members, not more
3 than four of whom are members of the same political party,
4 appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the
5 senate. At least three members of the natural resources commission
6 must be residents of the Upper Peninsula. The term of office of
7 each member of the natural resources commission is four years. The
8 governor shall fill a vacancy occurring in the membership of the
9 natural resources commission and may remove a member of the natural
10 resources commission for cause after a hearing. Each member of the
11 natural resources commission holds office until the appointment and
12 qualification of that member's successor.

13 (2) Members of the natural resources commission shall serve
14 without compensation. However, members of the natural resources
15 commission may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary
16 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as
17 members of the natural resources commission.

18 (3) The natural resources commission has all of the following
19 powers:

20 (a) The authority to issue orders or promulgate rules
21 regarding the taking of game or sportfish that have an impact on
22 the whole state or only the Lower Peninsula.

23 (b) Any other powers provided by law.

24 (4) The Upper Peninsula natural resources commission is
25 created. The Upper Peninsula natural resources commission is
26 composed of the following members:

27 (a) One individual appointed by each member of the house of
28 representatives that resides in the Upper Peninsula.

29 (b) Two individuals appointed by each member of the senate



1 that resides in the Upper Peninsula.

2 (c) Two individuals appointed by a governor that resides in
3 the Upper Peninsula.

4 (5) The term of office of each member of the Upper Peninsula
5 natural resources commission is two years. If a vacancy occurs on
6 the Upper Peninsula natural resources commission, the individual
7 that made the original appointment shall make an appointment for
8 the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.
9 Each member of the Upper Peninsula natural resources commission
10 holds office until the appointment and qualification of that
11 member's successor.

12 (6) Members of the Upper Peninsula natural resources
13 commission shall serve without compensation. However, members of
14 the Upper Peninsula natural resources commission may be reimbursed
15 for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance
16 of their official duties as members of the Upper Peninsula natural
17 resources commission.

18 (7) The Upper Peninsula natural resources commission has all
19 of the following powers:

20 (a) The authority to issue orders or promulgate rules
21 regarding the taking of game or sportfish that only have an impact
22 on the Upper Peninsula or that have no significant impact outside
23 the Upper Peninsula.

24 (b) Any other powers provided by law.

25 (8) The legislature shall implement this section by
26 appropriate legislation.

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

