

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION E

February 26, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Schuette, Kuhn, Steele, DeBoyer, Linting, St. Germaine, Schmaltz, Cavitt, Greene and Kelly and referred to Committee on Education and Workforce.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 3 of article VIII, to provide for the gubernatorial appointment of the superintendent of public instruction.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to provide for the gubernatorial appointment of the superintendent of public instruction, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

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ARTICLE VIII

1           Sec. 3. Leadership and general supervision over all public  
2 education, including adult education and instructional programs in  
3 state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education  
4 granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of  
5 education. ~~It~~**The state board of education** shall serve as the  
6 general planning and coordinating body for all public education,  
7 including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to  
8 the financial requirements in connection therewith.

9           ~~The~~**For appointments of a superintendent of public instruction**  
10 **before January 1, 2027, the** state board of education shall appoint  
11 ~~a~~**the** superintendent of public instruction whose term of office  
12 shall be determined by the board. ~~He~~**The superintendent of public**  
13 **instruction** shall be the ~~chairman~~**chair** of the **state board of**  
14 **education** without the right to vote, and shall be responsible for  
15 the execution of its policies. ~~He~~**The superintendent of public**  
16 **instruction** shall be the principal executive officer of ~~a~~**the** state  
17 department of education, which shall have powers and duties  
18 provided by law.

19           **For appointments of a superintendent of public instruction on**  
20 **or after January 1, 2027, the governor shall appoint the**  
21 **superintendent of public instruction, by and with the advice and**  
22 **consent of the senate, whose term of office shall be for a period**  
23 **that is not greater than four years as determined by the governor.**  
24 **The superintendent of public instruction shall be the chair of the**  
25 **state board of education without the right to vote, and shall be**  
26 **responsible for the execution of its policies. The superintendent**  
27 **of public instruction shall be the principal executive officer of**  
28 **the state department of education, which shall have powers and**  
29 **duties provided by law.**

1           The state board of education shall consist of eight members  
2 who shall be nominated by party conventions and elected at large  
3 for terms of eight years as prescribed by law. The governor shall  
4 fill any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term. The  
5 governor shall be ex-officio a member of the state board of  
6 education without the right to vote.

7           The power of the boards of institutions of higher education  
8 provided in this constitution to supervise their respective  
9 institutions and control and direct the expenditure of the  
10 institutions' funds ~~shall not be~~ **is not** limited by this section.

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