

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION M

August 21, 2025, Introduced by Rep. Thompson.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 31 of article IV, section 18 of article V, and section 17 of article IX, to require certain state budget bills to be enacted into law on or before a certain date and to suspend the compensation of state legislators and the governor if those state budget bills are not enacted on or before that date.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the

state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to require certain state budget bills to be enacted into law on or before a certain date and to suspend the compensation of state legislators and the governor if those state budget bills are not enacted on or before that date, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 31. **(1)** 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.

(2) If all general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period are not enacted on or before the applicable date in accordance with section 17 of article IX, a legislator shall not receive payments of the legislator's salary until all general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period are enacted.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Applicable date" means that term as defined in section 17 of article IX.

(b) "Enacted" means that term as defined in section 17 of

1 article IX.

2 (c) "Salary" means the compensation an individual receives for
3 the individual's service as a legislator as determined under
4 section 12 of article IV.

5 ARTICLE V

6 Sec. 18. (1) The governor shall submit to the legislature at a
7 time fixed by law, a budget for the ensuing fiscal period setting
8 forth in detail, for all operating funds, the proposed expenditures
9 and estimated revenue of the state. Proposed expenditures from any
10 fund shall not exceed the estimated revenue thereof. On the same
11 date, the governor shall submit to the legislature general
12 appropriation bills to embody the proposed expenditures and any
13 necessary bill or bills to provide new or additional revenues to
14 meet proposed expenditures. The amount of any surplus created or
15 deficit incurred in any fund during the last preceding fiscal
16 period shall be entered as an item in the budget and in one of the
17 appropriation bills. The governor may submit amendments to
18 appropriation bills to be offered in either house during
19 consideration of the bill by that house, and shall submit bills to
20 meet deficiencies in current appropriations.

21 (2) If all general appropriation bills for the succeeding
22 fiscal period are not enacted on or before the applicable date in
23 accordance with section 17 of article IX, the governor shall not
24 receive payments of the governor's salary until all general
25 appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period are enacted.

26 (3) As used in this section:

27 (a) "Applicable date" means that term as defined in section 17
28 of article IX.

29 (b) "Enacted" means that term as defined in section 17 of

1 article IX.

2 (c) "Salary" means the compensation an individual receives for
3 the individual's service as governor as determined under section 12
4 of article IV.

5 ARTICLE IX

6 Sec. 17. (1) No money shall be paid out of the state treasury
7 except in pursuance of appropriations made by law.

8 (2) All general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal
9 period must be enacted on or before the applicable date each year.

10 (3) As used in this section:

11 (a) "Applicable date" means the date by which all general
12 appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period must be
13 enacted, as provided by law in section 365 of the management and
14 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1365, or any successor law.

15 (b) "Enacted" means that the general appropriation bills have
16 become law as described in section 33 of article IV.

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