

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION O

August 27, 2025, Introduced by Rep. DeSana and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 12 of article IV, to set the salary and expense allowances of legislators.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to set the salary and expense allowances of legislators, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

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2 Sec. 12. **(1)** The state officers compensation commission is
3 created which subject to this section shall determine the salaries
4 and expense allowances of ~~the members of the legislature,~~ the
5 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
6 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court. The
7 commission ~~shall consist~~ **consists** of 7 members appointed by the
8 governor whose qualifications may be determined by law.

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

22 **(3)** The concurrent resolution may amend the salary and expense
23 determinations of the state officers compensation commission to
24 reduce the salary and expense determinations by the same proportion
25 for ~~members of the legislature,~~ the governor, the lieutenant
26 governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the
27 justices of the supreme court. The legislature shall not amend the
28 salary and expense determinations to reduce them to below the
29 salary and expense level that ~~members of the legislature,~~ the

1 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
2 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court receive
3 on the date the salary and expense determinations are made. If the
4 salary and expense determinations are approved or amended as
5 provided in this ~~section~~, **subsection and subsection (2)**, the salary
6 and expense determinations ~~shall~~ become effective for the
7 legislative session immediately following the next general
8 election.

9 **(4) Beginning January 1, 2026, the salary of the members of**
10 **the legislature is \$13.73 per hour. Members of the legislature must**
11 **only be compensated for the hours that the member is attending**
12 **session and attending committee as a member of a committee. Each**
13 **house of the legislature shall keep track of the number of hours**
14 **each member is to be compensated for during a pay period. This**
15 **salary may only be changed by an amendment of this section brought**
16 **under section 2 of article XII. Beginning January 1, 2026, members**
17 **of the legislature must be reimbursed for mileage for a round trip**
18 **from the residence of the legislator to Lansing during each session**
19 **day of the legislature that the member attended. A member of the**
20 **legislature must be reimbursed at the standard mileage rate**
21 **authorized each year by the Internal Revenue Service. Members of**
22 **the legislature are not entitled to any other compensation other**
23 **than that provided in this subsection.**

24 **(5) The commission shall meet each 2 years for no more than 15**
25 **session days. The legislature shall implement this section by law.**

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