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September 21, 1993, Introduced by Senators KELLY, FAUST,
and CHERRY and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to provide for the submission to the people of the state the question of convening a constitutional convention to consider certain revisions to the state constitution of 1963; and to provide for the election and compensation of delegates to the convention.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. There shall be submitted to the people of the state
2 on November 2, 1993, the question of convening a constitutional
3 convention to consider a general revision of the state constitu-
4 tion of 1963. It is the intent of the legislature that the
5 topics at the constitutional convention be limited to property
6 tax reform and public education reform, including school finance
7 issues.

8 Sec. 2. If a constitutional convention is convened pursuant
9 to section 1, the legislature intends that the term "at such

1 times" in section 3 of article XII of the state constitution of
2 1963 means and shall be construed to be the following time
3 schedule:

4 (a) The filing date for candidates desiring election as del-
5 egates to the convention shall be not later than January 17,
6 1994.

7 (b) The withdrawal date for candidates desiring election as
8 delegates to the convention shall be not later than January 20,
9 1994.

10 (c) The election of delegates shall be held not later than
11 February 22, 1994.

12 (d) The convention shall convene in Lansing, Michigan, not
13 later than March 21, 1994.

14 (e) The business of the convention shall be completed not
15 later than May 2, 1994.

16 (f) Any proposed constitutional amendments adopted by the
17 convention shall be submitted to the qualified electors not later
18 than August 2, 1994.

19 Sec. 3. The state officers compensation commission created
20 in section 12 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963
21 shall set the compensation for the delegates and recommend com-
22 pensation for the officers, employees, and assistants to the
23 convention.

24 Sec. 4. If the delegates to the constitutional convention
25 duly adopt any proposed amendments, each member of the senate and
26 the house of representatives shall conduct in his or her district
27 at least 1 town meeting to provide members of the public

1 opportunity to discuss the subject matter of the proposed
2 amendments. These town meetings shall be held in the time period
3 between the completion of the business of the convention and the
4 submission of the proposed amendments to the qualified electors.

5 Sec. 5. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the con-
6 stitutional convention shall conform to section 3 of article XII
7 of the state constitution of 1963.