



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION G

February 1, 1995, Introduced by Reps. Nye and Ciaramitaro and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Civil Rights.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 15 of article VI, to allow the legislature to provide for probate court districts and to combine or merge the probate court with another court.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to allow the legislature to provide for probate court districts and to combine or merge the probate court with another court, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VI

Sec. 15. ~~In~~ UNLESS COMBINED OR MERGED WITH ANOTHER COURT, THE PROBATE COURT SHALL FUNCTION IN each county. ~~organized for judicial purposes there shall be a probate court.~~ The legislature may create or alter probate court districts of more

1 than one county. ~~if approved in each affected county by a~~
2 ~~majority of the electors voting on the question.~~ The legislature
3 may provide for the combination OR MERGER of the office of pro-
4 bate judge with any judicial office of limited OR GENERAL juris-
5 diction within a county. ~~with supplemental salary as provided by~~
6 ~~law.~~ The jurisdiction, powers and duties of the probate court
7 and of the judges thereof shall be provided by law. They shall
8 have original jurisdiction in all cases of juvenile delinquents
9 and dependents, except as otherwise provided by law.

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