



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION M

April 4, 1995, Introduced by Reps. Kaza, Dobb, Randall, Goschka, Jamian, Perricone, Nye, Cropsey, Jaye, Whyman and Middaugh and referred to the Committee on House Oversight and Ethics.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 12, 13, and 31 of article IV and section 18 of article V, to provide that the state officers compensation commission's determination of certain salaries and expense allowances becomes effective only upon approval by the legislature for the following legislative session, to reduce legislative salaries, to limit the legislative session, and to provide that the budget and appropriation process cover a 2-year fiscal period.

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 that the state officers compensation commission's determination of certain salaries and expense allowances becomes effective only upon approval by the legislature for the following legislative session, to reduce

legislative salaries, to limit the legislative session, and to provide that the budget and appropriation process cover a 2-year fiscal period, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 12. The state officers compensation commission is created which shall determine the salaries and expense allowances of the members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the justices of the supreme court. The commission shall consist of 7 members appointed by the governor. The commission shall determine the salaries and expense allowances of the members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the justices of the supreme court which determinations shall be the salaries and expense allowances ~~unless~~ ONLY IF the legislature by concurrent resolution adopted by ~~2/3~~ A MAJORITY of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature ~~reject~~ APPROVE them. ~~The~~ IF THE SALARY AND EXPENSE DETERMINATIONS ARE APPROVED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE SALARY AND EXPENSE DETERMINATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE, THE commission shall meet each 2 years for no more than 15 session days. The legislature shall implement this section by law. THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE IN EFFECT WHEN THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION THAT ADDS THIS SENTENCE IS ADOPTED SHALL BE REDUCED BY 50% SUBSEQUENT TO THE 50% SALARY REDUCTION,

1 SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE
2 COMMISSION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

3 Sec. 13. EXCEPT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS CALLED TO CONVENE
4 ON EXTRAORDINARY OCCASIONS, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET AS
5 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. The legislature shall meet at the seat
6 of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at
7 twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without
8 day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve
9 o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at
10 the final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd num-
11 bered year shall carry over with the same status to the next reg-
12 ular session. IN 1997 AND EVERY ODD NUMBERED YEAR AFTER 1997,
13 THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 CONSECUTIVE
14 DAYS. IN 1998 AND EVERY EVEN NUMBERED YEAR AFTER 1998, THE LEG-
15 ISLATURE SHALL MEET FOR NOT MORE THAN 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. IN
16 ADDITION, THE LEGISLATURE MAY BE CALLED TO CONVENE ON AN EXTRAOR-
17 DINARY OCCASION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY
18 LEADERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE. THE MAJORITY AND
19 MINORITY LEADERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL STATE THE
20 SPECIFIC PURPOSE WHEN CALLING THE LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE ON AN
21 EXTRAORDINARY OCCASION.

22 Sec. 31. The general appropriation bills for the succeeding
23 2-YEAR fiscal period covering items set forth in the budget shall
24 be passed or rejected in either house of the legislature before
25 that house passes any appropriation bill for items not in the
26 budget except bills supplementing appropriations for the current
27 fiscal ~~year's~~ PERIOD'S operation. Any bill requiring an

1 appropriation to carry out its purpose shall be considered an
2 appropriation bill. One of the general appropriation bills as
3 passed by the legislature shall contain an itemized statement of
4 estimated revenue by major source in each operating fund for the
5 ensuing 2-YEAR fiscal period, the total of which shall not be
6 less than the total of all appropriations made from each fund in
7 the general appropriation bills as passed. GENERAL APPROPRIATION
8 BILLS SHALL COVER THE 2-YEAR FISCAL PERIOD.

9 ARTICLE V

10 Sec. 18. The governor shall submit to the legislature at a
11 time fixed by law, a budget for the ensuing 2-YEAR fiscal period
12 setting forth in detail, for all operating funds, the proposed
13 expenditures and estimated revenue of the state. Proposed expen-
14 ditures from any fund shall not exceed the estimated revenue
15 thereof. On the same date, the governor shall submit to the leg-
16 islature general appropriation bills to embody the proposed
17 expenditures and any necessary bill or bills to provide new or
18 additional revenues to meet proposed expenditures. The amount of
19 any surplus created or deficit incurred in any fund during the
20 last preceding fiscal period shall be entered as an item in the
21 budget and in one of the appropriation bills. The governor may
22 submit amendments to appropriation bills to be offered in either
23 house during consideration of the bill by that house, and shall
24 submit bills to meet deficiencies in current appropriations.

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