



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION R

September 27, 1995, Introduced by Senators STILLE, POSTHUMUS, SCHUETTE, BENNETT, ROGERS, GOUGEON, STEIL, GAST, GEAKE, DE GROW, NORTH, KOIVISTO and SHUGARS and referred to the Committee on Education.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 3 of article VIII, to provide for gubernatorial appointment of the superintendent of public instruction.

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 for gubernatorial appointment of the superintendent of public instruction, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VIII

Sec. 3. Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and

1 coordinating body for all public education, including higher
2 education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial
3 requirements in connection therewith.

4 ~~The~~ UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1997, THE state board of education
5 shall appoint a superintendent of public instruction, whose term
6 of office shall be determined by the board. ~~He~~ BEGINNING
7 JANUARY 1, 1997, THE GOVERNOR, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT
8 OF THE SENATE, SHALL APPOINT A SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRU-
9 TION, WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNOR.
10 THE TERM OF OFFICE OF A SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
11 APPOINTED BY THE STATE BOARD SHALL NOT EXTEND BEYOND DECEMBER 31,
12 1996. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION shall be the
13 ~~chairman~~ CHAIRPERSON of the board without the right to vote,
14 and shall be responsible for the execution of its policies. ~~He~~
15 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION shall be the principal
16 executive officer of a state department of education which shall
17 have powers and duties provided by law.

18 The state board of education shall consist of eight members
19 who shall be nominated by party conventions and elected at large
20 for terms of eight years as prescribed by law. The governor
21 shall fill any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term.
22 The governor shall be ex-officio a member of the state board of
23 education without the right to vote.

24 The power of the boards of institutions of higher education
25 provided in this constitution to supervise their respective
26 institutions and control and direct the expenditure of the
27 institutions' funds shall not be limited by this section.

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