## **Legislative Analysis**



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## ALLOW DEATH PENALTY FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER

House Joint Resolution W Sponsor: Rep. Larry Julian Committee: Regulatory Reform

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## A SUMMARY OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION "W" AS INTRODUCED 2-19-04

Article IV, Section 46, of the Michigan State Constitution says, "No law shall be enacted for the penalty of death." House Joint Resolution W would amend the constitution to add "except for first degree murder." The resolution would require the legislature to provide by law for the implementation of the death penalty.

The proposed constitutional amendment would be put before the voters at the next general election.

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