

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION M

September 25, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Hardman, Stallworth, Waters, Phillips and Murphy and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 29 of article IV, to provide that a bill proposing a local act may only be introduced by a member of the legislature who resides in the district affected by the local act.

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 a bill proposing a local act may only be introduced by a member of the legislature who resides in the district affected by the local act, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

## ARTICLE IV

Sec. 29. The legislature shall pass no local or special act in any case where a general act can be made applicable, and whether a general act can be made applicable shall be a judicial

1 question. No local or special act shall take effect until  
2 approved by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in  
3 each house and by a majority of the electors voting thereon in  
4 the district affected. Any act repealing local or special acts  
5 shall require only a majority of the members elected to and  
6 serving in each house and shall not require submission to the  
7 electors of such district. **A bill providing for a local or**  
8 **special act may only be introduced in the legislature by a member**  
9 **who resides in the district affected by that local or special**  
10 **act.**

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