

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION O

October 21, 2003, Introduced by Rep. Pappageorge and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 54 of article IV, to modify term limits for certain elected state offices.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to modify term limits for certain elected state offices, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 54. No person shall ~~be elected to the office of~~
serve as a state representative ~~more than three times. No~~
~~person shall be elected to the office of state senate more than~~
~~two times~~ **or state senator for a combined total of more than 14**
years. Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the
house of representatives or the state senate ~~for a period~~

1 ~~greater than one half of a term of such office,~~ **who holds office**
2 **for one day or more within a calender year** shall be considered to
3 have ~~been elected to serve one time in that office~~ **served the**
4 **entire calendar year** for purposes of this section. This
5 limitation on the number of ~~times~~ **years** a person ~~shall be~~
6 ~~elected to~~ **may serve in** office shall apply to terms of office
7 beginning on or after January 1, 1993. **A person is not eligible**
8 **to serve as a state representative or state senator unless that**
9 **person is eligible to serve the entire term of that office under**
10 **this section.**

11 This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be
12 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall
13 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part
14 of this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the
15 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will
16 remain in full force and effect.

17 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
18 submitted to the people of the state at a special election to be
19 held on March 2, 2004 in the manner provided by law.