

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION X

April 27, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Hoogendyk, Sheen and Drolet and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 13 of article IV, to limit the legislative session.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to limit the legislative session, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 13. **Except when the legislature is called to convene on extraordinary occasions, the legislature shall only meet as provided in this section.** The legislature shall meet at the seat of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at

1 the final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd  
2 numbered year shall carry over with the same status to the next  
3 regular session. In 2005 and every year after 2005, the  
4 legislature shall meet for not more than 90 consecutive days. In  
5 addition, the legislature may be called to convene on an  
6 extraordinary occasion by unanimous consent of the majority and  
7 minority leaders of each house of the legislature.

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