

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION M

July 13, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Palmer, Gosselin, Stakoe, Vander Veen, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Taub, Elsenheimer, Shaffer, Amos, Pastor, Meyer, Stahl, Hoogendyk, Ball, Baxter, Robertson, Steil, Jones, Moolenaar, Wenke, Kahn, Nitz and Drolet and referred to the Committee on Education.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 53 of article IV, to expand the audit authority of the auditor general.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to expand the audit authority of the auditor general, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

## ARTICLE IV

Sec. 53. The legislature by a majority vote of the members

1 elected to and serving in each house, shall appoint an auditor  
2 general, who shall be a certified public accountant licensed to  
3 practice in this state, to serve for a term of eight years. ~~He—~~ **THE**  
4 **AUDITOR GENERAL** shall be ineligible for appointment or election to  
5 any other public office in this state from which compensation is  
6 derived while serving as auditor general and for two years  
7 following the termination of his **OR HER** service. ~~He—~~ **THE AUDITOR**  
8 **GENERAL** may be removed for cause at any time by a two-thirds vote  
9 of the members elected to and serving in each house. The auditor  
10 general shall conduct post audits of financial transactions and  
11 accounts of the state, ~~and~~ of all branches, departments, offices,  
12 boards, commissions, agencies, authorities, and institutions of the  
13 state established by this constitution or by law, **OF LOCAL SCHOOL**  
14 **DISTRICTS, AND OF INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS,** and performance  
15 post audits thereof.

16 The auditor general upon direction by the legislature may  
17 employ independent accounting firms or legal counsel and may make  
18 investigations pertinent to the conduct of audits. ~~He—~~ **THE AUDITOR**  
19 **GENERAL** shall report annually to the legislature and to the  
20 governor and at such other times as he **OR SHE** deems necessary or as  
21 required by the legislature. ~~He—~~ **THE AUDITOR GENERAL** shall be  
22 assigned no duties other than those specified in this section.

23 Nothing in this section shall be construed in any way to  
24 infringe the responsibility and constitutional authority of the  
25 governing boards of the institutions of higher education to be  
26 solely responsible for the control and direction of all  
27 expenditures from the institutions' funds.

1       The auditor general, his **OR HER** deputy and one other member of  
2 his **OR HER** staff shall be exempt from classified civil service. All  
3 other members of his **OR HER** staff shall have classified civil  
4 service status.

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