

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION BB

October 10, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Leland, Gonzales and Sheen and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 12, 13, and 54 of article IV and by adding section 55 to article IV, to limit the legislative session, to reduce salaries of members of the legislature, and to extend term limits for legislators.

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, to reduce salaries of members of the legislature, and to extend term limits for legislators, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 12. The state officers compensation commission is created which subject to this section shall determine the salaries and

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1 expense allowances of ~~the members of the legislature,~~ the governor,
2 the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the secretary of
3 state, and the justices of the supreme court. The commission shall
4 consist of 7 members appointed by the governor whose qualifications
5 may be determined by law. Subject to the legislature's ability to
6 amend the commission's determinations as provided in this section,
7 the commission shall determine the salaries and expense allowances
8 of ~~the members of the legislature,~~ the governor, the lieutenant
9 governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the
10 justices of the supreme court which determinations shall be the
11 salaries and expense allowances only if the legislature by
12 concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected
13 to and serving in each house of the legislature approve them. The
14 senate and house of representatives shall alternate on which house
15 of the legislature shall originate the concurrent resolution, with
16 the senate originating the first concurrent resolution.

17 The concurrent resolution may amend the salary and expense
18 determinations of the state officers compensation commission to
19 reduce the salary and expense determinations by the same proportion
20 for ~~members of the legislature,~~ the governor, the lieutenant
21 governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the
22 justices of the supreme court. The legislature shall not amend the
23 salary and expense determinations to reduce them to below the
24 salary and expense level that ~~members of the legislature,~~ the
25 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
26 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court receive
27 on the date the salary and expense determinations are made. If the

1 salary and expense determinations are approved or amended as
2 provided in this section, the salary and expense determinations
3 shall become effective for the legislative session immediately
4 following the next general election. The commission shall meet each
5 2 years for no more than 15 session days. The legislature shall
6 implement this section by law.

7 Sec. 13. **EXCEPT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS CALLED TO CONVENE ON**
8 **EXTRAORDINARY OCCASIONS, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET AS**
9 **PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.** The legislature shall meet at the seat of
10 government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at
11 twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without
12 day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve
13 o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the
14 final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year
15 shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session.
16 **IN 2009 AND EVERY YEAR AFTER 2009, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET**
17 **BETWEEN THE SECOND WEDNESDAY IN JANUARY AND APRIL 30.**

18 Sec. 54. No person shall be elected to the office of state
19 representative more than ~~three~~**SIX** times. No person shall be
20 elected to the office of state senate more than ~~two~~**THREE** times.
21 Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of
22 representatives or the state senate for a period greater than one
23 half of a term of such office, shall be considered to have been
24 elected to serve one time in that office for purposes of this
25 section. This limitation on the number of times a person shall be
26 elected to office shall apply to terms of office beginning on or
27 after January 1, 1993.

1 This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be
2 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall
3 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of
4 this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the
5 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will
6 remain in full force and effect.

7 **SEC. 55. BEGINNING IN 2009, THE SALARY OF A LEGISLATOR SHALL**
8 **BE \$40,000.00.**

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