

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION N

February 24, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Lisa Brown, Angerer, Meadows, Byrnes, Melton, Byrum, Huckleberry, Robert Jones, Corriveau, Coulouris, Kandrevas, Switalski, Slavens, Slezak, Haase, Haugh, Kennedy, McDowell, Constan, Lindberg, Segal, Miller, Sheltroun, Nerat, Lahti, Gonzales, Spade, Terry Brown, LeBlanc, Leland, Ebli, Liss, Espinoza, Mayes, Tlaib, Roberts, Donigan, Scripps, Stanley, Bledsoe, Geiss, Barnett, Valentine and Bauer and referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 55 to article IV, to reduce compensation for state legislators who have unexcused absences from 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 reduce compensation for legislators who have unexcused absences from legislative session, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

### ARTICLE IV

SEC. 55. ANY DAY THE LEGISLATIVE BODY IS IN SESSION AND A LEGISLATOR DOES NOT ATTEND SESSION, THAT LEGISLATOR SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER SALARY REDUCED UNLESS THE LEGISLATOR RECEIVES AN EXCUSED

1 ABSENCE. ANY SALARY REDUCED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CREDITED TO  
2 THE GENERAL FUND OF THIS STATE. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL IMPLEMENT  
3 THIS SECTION BY APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION.

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