

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION K

February 17, 2009, Introduced by Rep. McMillin and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 12 of article IV, to reduce compensation for state legislators when the state unemployment rate exceeds a certain amount.

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 state legislators when the state unemployment rate exceeds a certain amount, 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

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 **THIS SECTION AND** the
6 legislature's ability to amend the commission's determinations as
7 provided in this section, the commission shall determine the
8 salaries and expense allowances of the members of the legislature,
9 the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
10 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court which
11 determinations shall be the salaries and expense allowances only if
12 the legislature by concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of
13 the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature
14 approve them. The senate and house of representatives shall
15 alternate on which house of the legislature shall originate the
16 concurrent resolution, with the senate originating the first
17 concurrent resolution. **BEGINNING IN 2011, THE SALARY OF A**
18 **LEGISLATOR SHALL BE \$3,063.46 EVERY 2 WEEKS. IF THE AVERAGE**
19 **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THIS STATE FOR THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF A**
20 **CALENDAR YEAR IS HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**
21 **FOR THAT SAME PERIOD, A LEGISLATOR SHALL NOT RECEIVE ANY**
22 **COMPENSATION FOR THE LAST 2 WEEKS OF THAT CALENDAR YEAR. IF THE**
23 **AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THIS STATE FOR THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF**
24 **A CALENDAR YEAR IS HIGHER THAN 90% OF THE OTHER STATES'**
25 **UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR THAT SAME PERIOD, A LEGISLATOR SHALL NOT**
26 **RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION FOR THE LAST 4 WEEKS OF THAT CALENDAR**
27 **YEAR.**

1 The concurrent resolution may amend the salary and expense
2 determinations of the state officers compensation commission to
3 reduce the salary and expense determinations by the same proportion
4 for members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant
5 governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the
6 justices of the supreme court. The legislature shall not amend the
7 salary and expense determinations to reduce them to below the
8 salary and expense level that members of the legislature, the
9 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
10 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court receive
11 on the date the salary and expense determinations are made. If the
12 salary and expense determinations are approved or amended as
13 provided in this section, the salary and expense determinations
14 shall become effective for the legislative session immediately
15 following the next general election. The commission shall meet each
16 2 years for no more than 15 session days. The legislature shall
17 implement this section by law.

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