

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION GGG

June 16, 2010, Introduced by Rep. Scripps and referred to the Committee on Great Lakes and Environment.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 31 to article V, to prohibit the drilling of a well for the exploration or production of oil or natural gas within the Great Lakes or beneath the bottomlands of the Great Lakes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to prohibit the drilling of a well for the exploration or production of oil or natural gas within the Great Lakes or beneath the bottomlands of the Great Lakes, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE V

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2 SEC. 31. BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, A
3 PERSON SHALL NOT DRILL A WELL, AND THE STATE SHALL NOT AUTHORIZE
4 THE DRILLING OF A WELL, WITHIN THE GREAT LAKES OR BENEATH THE
5 BOTTOMLANDS OF THE GREAT LAKES FOR THE EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF
6 OIL OR NATURAL GAS. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "GREAT LAKES" INCLUDES
7 THE CONNECTING WATERWAYS OF THE GREAT LAKES AND THE CONNECTED BAYS
8 AND HARBORS OF THE GREAT LAKES.

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.