

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION TT

January 26, 2010, Introduced by Reps. Elsenheimer, Rogers, Wayne Schmidt, Walsh, Schuitmaker, Bolger and Denby and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 2 of article VI, to provide for election districts for the election of justices of the supreme court.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to provide for election districts for the election of justices of the supreme court, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VI

Sec. 2. The supreme court shall consist of seven justices elected at non-partisan elections **FROM DISTRICTS THAT ARE DRAWN ON COUNTY LINES AND ARE AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE OF EQUAL PROPORTION,** as

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1 provided by law. The term of office shall be eight years and not  
2 more than two terms of office shall expire at the same time.  
3 Nominations for justices of the supreme court shall be in the  
4 manner prescribed by law. Any incumbent justice whose term is to  
5 expire may become a candidate for re-election by filing an  
6 affidavit of candidacy, in the form and manner prescribed by law,  
7 not less than 180 days prior to the expiration of his **OR HER** term.

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