

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION XX

March 2, 2010, Introduced by Rep. Meadows and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 2 and 3 of article IV, to modify the term of office for certain state offices.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to modify the term of office for certain state offices, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 2. The senate shall consist of 38 members to be elected from single member districts. ~~at the same election as the governor~~
THROUGH 2010, THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SHALL SERVE for four-year terms concurrent with the term of office of the governor. **ANY**

1 SENATORS HAVING SERVED FOUR YEARS OR MORE WHO ARE REELECTED IN 2010
2 SHALL BE ELECTED TO FOUR-YEAR TERMS. IN 2010, THE SENATE DISTRICTS
3 SHALL BE DIVIDED, BY LOT, INTO GROUPS OF 13 TWO-YEAR, 12 FOUR-YEAR,
4 AND 13 SIX-YEAR TERMS, EXCEPT THAT ANY SENATE DISTRICT IN WHICH AN
5 INCUMBENT IS SEEKING REELECTION SHALL BE ONE OF THE 12 FOUR-YEAR
6 TERMS. AFTER THE 2010 ELECTION, SENATORS SHALL BE ELECTED
7 BIENNIALLY FOR SIX-YEAR TERMS.

8 ~~—— In districting the state for the purpose of electing senators~~
9 ~~after the official publication of the total population count of~~
10 ~~each federal decennial census, each county shall be assigned~~
11 ~~apportionment factors equal to the sum of its percentage of the~~
12 ~~state's population as shown by the last regular federal decennial~~
13 ~~census computed to the nearest one one hundredth of one percent~~
14 ~~multiplied by four and its percentage of the state's land area~~
15 ~~computed to the nearest one one hundredth of one percent.~~

16 ~~—— In arranging the state into senatorial districts, the~~
17 ~~apportionment commission shall be governed by the following rules:~~

18 ~~—— (1) Counties with 13 or more apportionment factors shall be~~
19 ~~entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total~~
20 ~~apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total~~
21 ~~apportionment factors of the state computed to the nearest whole~~
22 ~~number. After each such county has been allocated one senator, the~~
23 ~~remaining senators to which this class of counties is entitled~~
24 ~~shall be distributed among such counties by the method of equal~~
25 ~~proportions applied to the apportionment factors.~~

26 ~~—— (2) Counties having less than 13 apportionment factors shall~~
27 ~~be entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total~~

~~1 apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total~~
~~2 apportionment factors of the state computed to the nearest whole~~
~~3 number. Such counties shall thereafter be arranged into senatorial~~
~~4 districts that are compact, convenient, and contiguous by land, as~~
~~5 rectangular in shape as possible, and having as nearly as possible~~
~~6 13 apportionment factors, but in no event less than 10 or more than~~
~~7 16. Insofar as possible, existing senatorial districts at the time~~
~~8 of reapportionment shall not be altered unless there is a failure~~
~~9 to comply with the above standards.~~

~~10 (3) Counties entitled to two or more senators shall be divided~~
~~11 into single member districts. The population of such districts~~
~~12 shall be as nearly equal as possible but shall not be less than 75~~
~~13 percent nor more than 125 percent of a number determined by~~
~~14 dividing the population of the county by the number of senators to~~
~~15 which it is entitled. Each such district shall follow incorporated~~
~~16 city or township boundary lines to the extent possible and shall be~~
~~17 compact, contiguous, and as nearly uniform in shape as possible.~~

Sec. 3. The house of representatives shall consist of 110
 members elected for two year terms from single member districts.
~~apportioned on a basis of population as provided in this article.~~
THROUGH 2010, THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL
SERVE TWO-YEAR TERMS. AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN 2010, THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICTS SHALL BE DIVIDED, BY LOT, INTO GROUPS OF
TWO- AND FOUR-YEAR TERMS, EXCEPT THAT ANY DISTRICT IN WHICH A
MEMBER HAVING SERVED FOUR YEARS SEEKS REELECTION IN 2010 SHALL BE
COUNTED IN THE GROUP ELECTED TO FOUR-YEAR TERMS AND ANY DISTRICT IN
WHICH A MEMBER HAVING SERVED TWO YEARS SEEKS REELECTION IN 2010

1 SHALL BE COUNTED IN THE GROUP ELECTED TO TWO-YEAR TERMS. AFTER THE
2 2010 ELECTION, THEIR SUCCESSORS SHALL BE ELECTED BIENNIALY FOR
3 TERMS OF FOUR YEARS. The districts shall consist of compact and
4 convenient territory contiguous by land.

5 ~~Each county which has a population of not less than seven-~~
6 ~~tenths of one percent of the population of the state shall~~
7 ~~constitute a separate representative area. Each county having less~~
8 ~~than seven tenths of one percent of the population of the state~~
9 ~~shall be combined with another county or counties to form a~~
10 ~~representative area of not less than seven tenths of one percent of~~
11 ~~the population of the state. Any county which is isolated under the~~
12 ~~initial allocation as provided in this section shall be joined with~~
13 ~~that contiguous representative area having the smallest percentage~~
14 ~~of the state's population. Each such representative area shall be~~
15 ~~entitled initially to one representative.~~

16 ~~After the assignment of one representative to each of the~~
17 ~~representative areas, the remaining house seats shall be~~
18 ~~apportioned among the representative areas on the basis of~~
19 ~~population by the method of equal proportions.~~

20 ~~Any county comprising a representative area entitled to two or~~
21 ~~more representatives shall be divided into single member~~
22 ~~representative districts as follows:~~

23 ~~(1) The population of such districts shall be as nearly equal~~
24 ~~as possible but shall not be less than 75 percent nor more than 125~~
25 ~~percent of a number determined by dividing the population of the~~
26 ~~representative area by the number of representatives to which it is~~
27 ~~entitled.~~

1 ~~—— (2) Such single member districts shall follow city and~~
2 ~~township boundaries where applicable and shall be composed of~~
3 ~~compact and contiguous territory as nearly square in shape as~~
4 ~~possible.~~

5 ~~—— Any representative area consisting of more than one county,~~
6 ~~entitled to more than one representative, shall be divided into~~
7 ~~single member districts as equal as possible in population,~~
8 ~~adhering to county lines.~~

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.