

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CCC

November 29, 2012, 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 26 of article IV, to prohibit certain bills from being reported out of committee for 72 hours after introduction and to require that any changes to certain bills be made available to the public for at least 24 hours before passage.

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 certain bills from being reported out of committee for 72 hours after introduction and to require that any changes to certain bills be made available to the public for at least 24 hours before passage, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 26. (1) No bill shall be passed or become a law at any regular session of the legislature until it has been printed or reproduced and in the possession of each house for at least five days.

(2) THE LEGISLATURE SHALL NOT HOLD A COMMITTEE HEARING OR VOTE TO MOVE AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR A BILL MODIFYING A STATE TAX OUT OF COMMITTEE UNTIL 72 HOURS AFTER THE BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED. IF A BILL DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION IS CHANGED AFTER BEING REPORTED OR DISCHARGED FROM A COMMITTEE, THAT BILL SHALL NOT BE PASSED UNTIL IT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE PASSAGE. A COMMITTEE MAY WAIVE THE 72-HOUR REQUIREMENT OF THIS SUBSECTION WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE MAY WAIVE THE 24-HOUR REQUIREMENT OF THIS SUBSECTION WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED AND SERVING IN THAT HOUSE.

(3) Every bill shall be read three times in each house before the final passage thereof. No bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house. On the final passage of bills, the votes and names of the members voting thereon shall be entered in the journal.

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