

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION U

June 12, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Haveman, Schmidt, Walsh, Lyons, Jenkins, Lori, Poleski, Daley, Kowall, Hooker, Kurtz, Heise, Bumstead, Foster, MacMaster, Victory, Pscholka, Irwin, Lane, Singh, Stanley, Schor, Rutledge, Geiss, Durhal, McBroom, Tlaib, Hovey-Wright, Roberts, Nathan, Kelly, Glardon, Callton, Yonker, Kesto, Goike, Muxlow, Cavanagh, Knezek, Clemente, Slavens, Pagel, Lauwers, Price, Crawford, Rendon, LaVoy, Lipton, McCann, Olumba and Robinson and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 54 of article IV, to modify term limits for certain elected 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 term limits for certain elected state offices, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 54. (1) ~~NO EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)~~
OR (3), NO person shall be elected to the office of state
representative more than three times. ~~NO EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE~~
PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OR (3), NO person shall be elected to
the office of state senate more than two times. Any person

1 appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of
2 representatives or the state senate for a period greater than one
3 half of a term of such office, shall be considered to have been
4 elected to serve one time in that office for purposes of this
5 section. This limitation on the number of times a person shall be
6 elected to office shall apply to terms of office beginning on or
7 after January 1, 1993.

8 (2) A PERSON FIRST SERVING AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN 2015
9 OR LATER MAY SERVE AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR FOR A
10 COMBINED TOTAL OF NOT MORE THAN 16 YEARS. ANY PERSON APPOINTED OR
11 ELECTED TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE
12 STATE SENATE WHO HOLDS OFFICE FOR ONE DAY OR MORE WITHIN A CALENDAR
13 YEAR SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE SERVED THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR
14 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION. A PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE
15 AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR UNLESS THAT PERSON IS
16 ELIGIBLE TO SERVE THE ENTIRE TERM OF THAT OFFICE UNDER THIS
17 SUBSECTION.

18 (3) A PERSON FIRST SERVING AS A STATE SENATOR IN 2019 OR LATER
19 MAY SERVE AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR FOR A COMBINED
20 TOTAL OF NOT MORE THAN 16 YEARS. ANY PERSON APPOINTED OR ELECTED TO
21 FILL A VACANCY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE STATE SENATE
22 WHO HOLDS OFFICE FOR ONE DAY OR MORE WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR SHALL
23 BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE SERVED THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR FOR PURPOSES
24 OF THIS SUBSECTION. A PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A STATE
25 REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR UNLESS THAT PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO
26 SERVE THE ENTIRE TERM OF THAT OFFICE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

27 (4) This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be

1 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall
2 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of
3 this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the
4 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will
5 remain in full force and effect.

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