

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION X

September 4, 2013, Introduced by Reps. McCann, Schor, Irwin, Singh, Hobbs, Slavens, Kosowski, Geiss, Kandrevas, Barnett, Nathan, Tlaib, Brunner, Faris, Smiley, Dillon, Brinks, Cochran, Stanley, Segal, Switalski, Durhal, Hovey-Wright, Clemente and Lipton and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 5 of article II, sections 2 and 3 of article IV, and section 2 of article XI, to modify the term of office for a state senator or state representative under certain circumstances.

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 a state senator or state representative under certain circumstances, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE II

Sec. 5. Except for special elections to fill vacancies, or as

1 otherwise provided in this constitution **OR PROVIDED BY LAW**, all
2 elections for national, state, county, and township offices shall
3 be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in
4 each even-numbered year or on such other date as members of the
5 congress of the United States are regularly elected.

6 ARTICLE IV

7 Sec. 2. The senate shall consist of 38 members to be elected
8 from single member districts. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW,**
9 **THE SENATE MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED** at the same election as the
10 governor for four-year terms concurrent with the term of office of
11 the governor.

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

20 In arranging the state into senatorial districts, the
21 apportionment commission shall be governed by the following rules:

22 (1) Counties with 13 or more apportionment factors shall be
23 entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total
24 apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total
25 apportionment factors of the state computed to the nearest whole
26 number. After each such county has been allocated one senator, the

1 remaining senators to which this class of counties is entitled
2 shall be distributed among such counties by the method of equal
3 proportions applied to the apportionment factors.

4 (2) Counties having less than 13 apportionment factors shall
5 be entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total
6 apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total
7 apportionment factors of the state computed to the nearest whole
8 number. Such counties shall thereafter be arranged into senatorial
9 districts that are compact, convenient, and contiguous by land, as
10 rectangular in shape as possible, and having as nearly as possible
11 13 apportionment factors, but in no event less than 10 or more than
12 16. Insofar as possible, existing senatorial districts at the time
13 of reapportionment shall not be altered unless there is a failure
14 to comply with the above standards.

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

23 Sec. 3. The house of representatives shall consist of 110
24 members elected ~~for two-year terms~~ from single member districts
25 apportioned on a basis of population as provided in this article.
26 The districts shall consist of compact and convenient territory
27 contiguous by land. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE**

1 **MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR TWO-**
2 **YEAR TERMS.**

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

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

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

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

26 (2) Such single member districts shall follow city and
27 township boundaries where applicable and shall be composed of

1 compact and contiguous territory as nearly square in shape as
2 possible.

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

7 ARTICLE XI

8 Sec. 2. The terms of office of elective state officers,
9 members of the legislature, and justices and judges of courts of
10 record shall begin at twelve o'clock noon on the first day of
11 January next succeeding their election, except as otherwise
12 provided in this constitution **OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW**. The
13 terms of office of county officers shall begin on the first day of
14 January next succeeding their election, except as otherwise
15 provided by law.

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