

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION B

January 16, 2013, Introduced by Senator ANDERSON and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 13 of article IV, to limit the time that the legislature may meet.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to limit the time that the legislature may meet, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 13. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without day, on a day

1 determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve o'clock noon. **EXCEPT**
2 **AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL NOT**
3 **MEET IN REGULAR SESSION AFTER THE NOVEMBER ELECTION IN AN EVEN**
4 **NUMBERED YEAR. THE LEGISLATURE MAY MEET IN REGULAR SESSION AFTER**
5 **THE NOVEMBER ELECTION IN AN EVEN NUMBERED YEAR IF A RESOLUTION IS**
6 **ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED AND SERVING**
7 **IN EACH HOUSE. THE RESOLUTION CONVENING THE LEGISLATURE SHALL**
8 **SPECIFY A PURPOSE OR PURPOSES FOR HOLDING THE SESSION, AND ANY**
9 **SESSION SHALL CONSIDER ONLY MEASURES GERMANE TO THE PURPOSE OR**
10 **PURPOSES EXPRESSED IN THE RESOLUTION.** Any business, bill or joint
11 resolution pending at the final adjournment of a regular session
12 held in an odd numbered year shall carry over with the same status
13 to the next regular session.

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