

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION EE

December 3, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Singh, Moss, Faris, Lane, Yanez, Pagan, Durhal, Schor, Wittenberg, Greig, Townsend, LaVoy, Gay-Dagnogo, Sarah Roberts, Love, Hoadley, Garrett, Greimel, Zemke and Driskell and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 2 of article IV and section 21 of article V, to modify the election date for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, and state senators to the presidential election years.

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 election date for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, and state senators to the presidential election years, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

## ARTICLE IV

Sec. 2. The senate shall consist of 38 members. ~~to~~ **EXCEPT AS**

1 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, SENATORS SHALL be elected from  
2 single member districts at the same election as the governor for  
3 four-year terms concurrent with the term of office of the governor.

4 AT THE GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION IN 2022, SENATORS SHALL BE ELECTED  
5 FROM SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. AT THE  
6 GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION IN 2024 AND EVERY FOURTH YEAR AFTER THAT,  
7 SENATORS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS FOR FOUR-  
8 YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE.

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

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

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

27 ~~—— (2) Counties having less than 13 apportionment factors shall~~

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

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

#### ARTICLE V

Sec. 21. ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE** governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general shall be elected for four-year terms at the general **NOVEMBER** election in each alternate even-numbered year. **AT THE GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION IN 2022, THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. AT THE GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION IN 2024 AND EVERY FOURTH YEAR AFTER THAT, THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT**

1 GOVERNOR, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE ELECTED  
2 FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE.

3 The lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney  
4 general shall be nominated by party conventions in a manner  
5 prescribed by law. In the general **NOVEMBER** election one vote shall  
6 be cast jointly for the candidates for governor and lieutenant  
7 governor nominated by the same party.

8 Vacancies in the office of the secretary of state and attorney  
9 general shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

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