

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION P

April 28, 2015, Introduced by Rep. Townsend 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 require a fiscal impact note for all bills and to require spending cuts or increased revenues for any bill that will increase state spending or have a negative impact on state revenues.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to require a fiscal impact note for all bills and to require spending cuts or increased revenues for any bill that will increase state spending or have a negative impact on state revenues, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 26. 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. 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. **A BILL SHALL NOT BE PASSED BY EITHER HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE BEFORE THE MEMBERS OF THAT HOUSE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH A FISCAL IMPACT NOTE PRODUCED BY A NONPARTISAN LEGISLATIVE FISCAL AGENCY DETAILING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE BILL FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS UPON THIS STATE, OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES IN THIS STATE, BUSINESSES IN THIS STATE, AND CITIZENS OF THIS STATE. IF A BILL WILL INCREASE STATE SPENDING OR HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ANY REVENUES TO THIS STATE, THE BILL SHALL NOT BECOME LAW UNLESS ANOTHER BILL IS ENACTED TO REDUCE STATE SPENDING OR INCREASE STATE REVENUES BY THAT SAME AMOUNT.**

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.