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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION P

March 17, 2016, Introduced by Senators BIEDA, ANANICH, HERTEL, GREGORY and YOUNG and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 21a to article V, to provide for the filling of a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to provide for the filling of a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE V

SEC. 21A. IF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SUCCEEDS TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 26 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR IF A VACANCY

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- 1 OTHERWISE OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE GOVERNOR
- 2 SHALL CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY. THE SPECIAL
- 3 ELECTION SHALL BE HELD ON THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION DATE THAT IS
- 4 NOT LESS THAN 120 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE VACANCY OCCURS. AN
- 5 INDIVIDUAL ELECTED TO FILL A VACANCY SHALL SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER
- 6 OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.
- 7 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
- 8 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
- 9 in the manner provided by law.