

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION EE

February 8, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Miller, Johnson and LaFave 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 VIII and adding section 5a to article VIII, to provide for term limits and to reduce the term of office for certain university governing boards.

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 term limits and to reduce the term of office for certain university governing boards, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

## ARTICLE VIII

Sec. 5. The regents of the University of Michigan and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the Regents of the University of Michigan; the trustees of Michigan

1 State University and their successors in office shall constitute a  
2 body corporate known as the Board of Trustees of Michigan State  
3 University; the governors of Wayne State University and their  
4 successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the  
5 Board of Governors of Wayne State University. Each board shall have  
6 general supervision of its institution and the control and  
7 direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. Each  
8 board shall, as often as necessary, elect a president of the  
9 institution under its supervision. He **OR SHE** shall be the principal  
10 executive officer of the institution, be ex-officio a member of the  
11 board without the right to vote, and preside at meetings of the  
12 board. The board of each institution shall consist of eight members  
13 who shall, **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION**, hold  
14 office for terms of eight years and who shall be elected as  
15 provided by law. **BEGINNING AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN 2020, THE**  
16 **TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY**  
17 **OF MICHIGAN, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY,**  
18 **AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY IS FOUR YEARS.**  
19 The governor shall fill board vacancies by appointment. Each  
20 appointee shall hold office until a successor has been nominated  
21 and elected as provided by law.

22 **SEC. 5A. (1) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT BE ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP**  
23 **ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, THE BOARD OF**  
24 **TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF**  
25 **WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY MORE THAN TWO TIMES. ANY INDIVIDUAL**  
26 **APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE**  
27 **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE**

1 UNIVERSITY, OR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY FOR  
2 A PERIOD GREATER THAN ONE HALF OF A TERM OF THE OFFICE IS  
3 CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE ONE TIME IN THAT OFFICE  
4 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES  
5 AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF  
6 REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
7 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE  
8 UNIVERSITY APPLIES TO TERMS OF OFFICE BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY  
9 1, 2021.

10 (2) THIS SECTION SHALL BE SELF-EXECUTING. LEGISLATION MAY BE  
11 ENACTED TO FACILITATE OPERATION OF THIS SECTION, BUT NO LAW SHALL  
12 LIMIT OR RESTRICT THE APPLICATION OF THIS SECTION. IF ANY PART OF  
13 THIS SECTION IS HELD TO BE INVALID OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL, THE  
14 REMAINING PARTS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED BUT WILL  
15 REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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.