

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION N

November 9, 2017, Introduced by Senator CONYERS and referred to the Committee on Elections and Government Reform.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 21 of article V, section 2 of article VI, and sections 3 and 5 of article VIII, to modify the nomination process for lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, justices of the supreme court, state board of education, Regents of the University of Michigan, Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, and Board of Governors of Wayne State University.

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 nomination process for lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, justices of the supreme court, state board of education, Regents of the University of Michigan, Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, and Board of Governors of Wayne State University, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE V

Sec. 21. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall be elected for four-year terms at the general election in each alternate even-numbered year.

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

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

ARTICLE VI

Sec. 2. The supreme court shall consist of seven justices **NOMINATED AND** elected at ~~non-partisan~~ **NONPARTISAN** elections as provided by law. The term of office shall be eight years and not more than two terms of office shall expire at the same time. ~~Nominations for justices of the supreme court shall be in the manner prescribed by law.~~ Any incumbent justice whose term is to expire may become a candidate for re-election by filing an affidavit of candidacy, in the form and manner prescribed by law,

1 not less than ~~180~~ 210 days prior to the expiration of his OR HER
2 term.

3 ARTICLE VIII

4 Sec. 3. Leadership and general supervision over all public
5 education, including adult education and instructional programs in
6 state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education
7 granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of
8 education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating
9 body for all public education, including higher education, and
10 shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in
11 connection therewith.

12 The state board of education shall appoint a superintendent of
13 public instruction whose term of office shall be determined by the
14 board. He OR SHE shall be the ~~chairman~~ CHAIRPERSON of the board
15 without the right to vote, and shall be responsible for the
16 execution of its policies. He OR SHE shall be the principal
17 executive officer of a state department of education which shall
18 have powers and duties provided by law.

19 The state board of education shall consist of eight members
20 who shall be nominated ~~by party conventions~~ and elected at large
21 for terms of eight years as prescribed by law. The governor shall
22 fill any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term. The
23 governor shall be ex-officio a member of the state board of
24 education without the right to vote.

25 The power of the boards of institutions of higher education
26 provided in this constitution to supervise their respective
27 institutions and control and direct the expenditure of the

1 institutions' funds shall not be limited by this section.

2 Sec. 5. The regents of the University of Michigan and their
3 successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the
4 Regents of the University of Michigan; the trustees of Michigan
5 State University and their successors in office shall constitute a
6 body corporate known as the Board of Trustees of Michigan State
7 University; the governors of Wayne State University and their
8 successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the
9 Board of Governors of Wayne State University. Each board shall have
10 general supervision of its institution and the control and
11 direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. Each
12 board shall, as often as necessary, elect a president of the
13 institution under its supervision. He **OR SHE** shall be the principal
14 executive officer of the institution, be ex-officio a member of the
15 board without the right to vote and preside at meetings of the
16 board. The board of each institution shall consist of eight members
17 who shall hold office for terms of eight years and who shall be
18 **NOMINATED AND** elected as provided by law. The governor shall fill
19 board vacancies by appointment. Each appointee shall hold office
20 until a successor has been nominated and elected as provided by
21 law.

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