

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION N

April 24, 2020, Introduced by Senator STAMAS and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 3 and 7 of article VIII, to eliminate the state board of education.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to eliminate the state board of education, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VIII

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

12 The ~~state board of education~~ **governor** shall appoint, **by and**
13 **with the advice and consent of the senate**, a superintendent of
14 public instruction ~~whose term of office shall be determined by the~~
15 ~~board. He shall be the chairman of the board without the right to~~
16 ~~vote, and shall be responsible for the execution of its policies.~~
17 **He who serves at the pleasure of the governor. The superintendent**
18 **of public instruction** shall be the principal executive officer of a
19 state department of education which shall have powers and duties
20 provided by law.

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

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

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

2 Sec. 7. The legislature shall provide by law for the
3 establishment and financial support of public community and junior
4 colleges which shall be supervised and controlled by locally
5 elected boards. The legislature shall provide by law for a state
6 board for public community and junior colleges which shall advise
7 the ~~state board of education~~ **superintendent of public instruction**
8 concerning general supervision and planning for such colleges and
9 requests for annual appropriations for their support. The board
10 shall consist of eight members who shall hold office for terms of
11 eight years, not more than two of which shall expire in the same
12 year, and who shall be appointed by the ~~state board of education~~.
13 **governor**. Vacancies shall be filled in like manner. The
14 superintendent of public instruction shall be ex-officio a member
15 of this board without the right to vote.

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.