
A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 9 of article II, to clarify the power of referendum when making appropriations.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to clarify the power of referendum when making appropriations, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE II

Sec. 9. The people reserve to themselves the power to propose laws and to enact and reject laws, called the initiative, and the
power to approve or reject laws enacted by the legislature, called
the referendum. The power of initiative extends only to laws which
the legislature may enact under this constitution. The power of
referendum does not extend to **GENERAL APPROPRIATION** acts making
appropriations for state institutions **THAT SUBSTANTIALLY FUND 1 OR
MORE STATE DEPARTMENTS** or **TO ACTS MAKING APPROPRIATIONS** to meet
deficiencies in state funds and must be invoked in the manner
prescribed by law within 90 days following the final adjournment of
the legislative session at which the law was enacted. To invoke the
initiative or referendum, petitions signed by a number of
registered electors, not less than eight percent for initiative and
five percent for referendum of the total vote cast for all
candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at
which a governor was elected shall be required.

No law as to which the power of referendum properly has been
invoked shall be effective thereafter unless approved by a majority
of the electors voting thereon at the next general election.

Any law proposed by initiative petition shall be either
enacted or rejected by the legislature without change or amendment
within 40 session days from the time such petition is received by
the legislature. If any law proposed by such petition shall be
enacted by the legislature it shall be subject to referendum, as
hereinafter provided.

If the law so proposed is not enacted by the legislature
within the 40 days, the state officer authorized by law shall
submit such proposed law to the people for approval or rejection at
the next general election. The legislature may reject any measure
so proposed by initiative petition and propose a different measure upon the same subject by a yea and nay vote upon separate roll calls, and in such event both measures shall be submitted by such state officer to the electors for approval or rejection at the next general election.

Any law submitted to the people by either initiative or referendum petition and approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon at any election shall take effect 10 days after the date of the official declaration of the vote. No law initiated or adopted by the people shall be subject to the veto power of the governor, and no law adopted by the people at the polls under the initiative provisions of this section shall be amended or repealed, except by a vote of the electors unless otherwise provided in the initiative measure or by three-fourths of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature. Laws approved by the people under the referendum provision of this section may be amended by the legislature at any subsequent session thereof. If two or more measures approved by the electors at the same election conflict, that receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

The legislature shall implement the provisions of this section.

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.