

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION T

February 14, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Ward, Moore, Walker, Elsenheimer, Gillard, Brown, Adamini, McConico, Tobocman, McDowell, Sheltroun, Mayes, Espinoza, Hune, Hansen, Hunter, Gonzales, Virgil Smith, Murphy, Lipsey, Jones, Kooiman, Vander Veen, Caul, Huizenga, Wenke, Pearce, Steil, Newell, Booher, Shaffer, Pavlov, Emmons, Baxter, Farhat, Casperson, Ball, Schuitmaker, Hoogendyk, Mortimer, Acciavatti, Nitz, Stahl, Caswell, Hummel, Nofs, Kahn, Van Regenmorter, Meyer, Cheeks and Sheen and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 11 of article IX, to provide for a maximum funding differential among local school districts.

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 a maximum funding differential among local school districts, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IX

Sec. 11. There shall be established a state school aid fund

1 which shall be used exclusively for aid to school districts, higher
2 education, and school employees' retirement systems, as provided by
3 law. Sixty percent of all taxes imposed at a rate of 4% on
4 retailers on taxable sales at retail of tangible personal property,
5 100% of the proceeds of the sales and use taxes imposed at the
6 additional rate of 2% provided for in section 8 of this article,
7 and other tax revenues provided by law, shall be dedicated to this
8 fund. Payments from this fund shall be made in full on a scheduled
9 basis, as provided by law.

10 Beginning in the 1995-96 state fiscal year and each state
11 fiscal year after 1995-96, the state shall guarantee that the total
12 state and local per pupil revenue for school operating purposes for
13 each local school district shall not be less than the 1994-95 total
14 state and local per pupil revenue for school operating purposes for
15 that local school district, as adjusted for consolidations,
16 annexations, or other boundary changes. However, this guarantee
17 does not apply in a year in which the local school district levies
18 a millage rate for school district operating purposes less than it
19 levied in 1994.

20 BEGINNING IN THE 2007-2008 STATE FISCAL YEAR AND EACH STATE
21 FISCAL YEAR AFTER 2007-2008, THE STATE SHALL ENSURE THAT THE
22 PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOTAL STATE AND LOCAL PER PUPIL
23 REVENUE FOR SCHOOL OPERATING PURPOSES FOR THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
24 WITH THE HIGHEST AMOUNT OF THAT TOTAL REVENUE AND THE TOTAL STATE
25 AND LOCAL PER PUPIL REVENUE FOR SCHOOL OPERATING PURPOSES FOR THE
26 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH THE LOWEST AMOUNT OF THAT TOTAL REVENUE

1 DOES NOT EXCEED 10%. FOR EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR AFTER 2006-2007,
2 THE STATE SHALL ENSURE THAT ANY MONEY THAT IS APPROPRIATED AND
3 ALLOCATED TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR SCHOOL OPERATING PURPOSES
4 AND THAT IS IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED AND ALLOCATED FOR
5 THAT PURPOSE FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING STATE FISCAL YEAR IS
6 USED TO DECREASE THE PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOTAL STATE
7 AND LOCAL PER PUPIL REVENUE FOR SCHOOL OPERATING PURPOSES FOR THE
8 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH THE HIGHEST AMOUNT OF THAT TOTAL REVENUE
9 AND THE TOTAL STATE AND LOCAL PER PUPIL REVENUE FOR SCHOOL
10 OPERATING PURPOSES FOR THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE LOWEST
11 AMOUNT OF THAT TOTAL REVENUE.

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