

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION LL

October 20, 2009, Introduced by Reps. DeShazor, Lund, Lori, Rick Jones, Agema, Amash, Meekhof, Schuitmaker, Genetski, Knollenberg, Marleau, Meltzer, Pearce, Kowall, Rogers, Ball, Pavlov, Kurtz, Daley, Moore, Proos, Rocca, Haveman, Crawford, Tyler, Opsommer, Stamas, Horn, Wayne Schmidt, Paul Scott, Bolger, Haines, Haugh, Slezak, Tlaib, Dean, Roy Schmidt, Calley, McMillin, Bledsoe, Liss, Kennedy, Booher and Hildenbrand and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 31 of article IV and by adding section 55 to article IV, to provide that certain state budget bills be presented to the governor on or before a certain date and to reduce compensation of state legislators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and heads of principal departments when certain state budget bills are not presented on or before a certain date.

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 that certain state budget bills be presented to the governor on or before a certain date and to reduce

compensation of state legislators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and heads of principal departments when certain state budget bills are not presented on or before a certain date, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

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ARTICLE IV

Sec. 31. The general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period covering items set forth in the budget shall be passed or rejected in either house of the legislature before that house passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget except bills supplementing appropriations for the current fiscal year's operation. Any bill requiring an appropriation to carry out its purpose shall be considered an appropriation bill. One of the general appropriation bills as passed by the legislature shall contain an itemized statement of estimated revenue by major source in each operating fund for the ensuing fiscal period, the total of which shall not be less than the total of all appropriations made from each fund in the general appropriation bills as passed. **THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PRESENT ALL GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS FOR THE SUCCEEDING TWO FISCAL PERIODS TO THE GOVERNOR ON OR BEFORE MAY 15 OF EACH ODD YEAR.**

SEC. 55. IF THE LEGISLATURE HAS NOT PRESENTED ALL GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS FOR THE SUCCEEDING TWO FISCAL PERIODS TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE DATE SET FORTH IN SECTION 31 OF THIS ARTICLE, EACH LEGISLATOR, THE GOVERNOR, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, AND EACH HEAD OF A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT SHALL FORFEIT HIS OR HER SALARY FOR EACH DAY AFTER THAT DATE THAT ALL THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS HAVE NOT BEEN PRESENTED. A LEGISLATOR, THE GOVERNOR, THE LIEUTENANT

1 GOVERNOR, AND EACH HEAD OF A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT BE
2 RETROACTIVELY PAID OR OTHERWISE COMPENSATED FOR ANY SALARY
3 FORFEITED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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