

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION II

November 8, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Olson and Callton and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 13 and 54 of article IV and section 15 of article V, to limit the legislative session, to modify when extraordinary sessions may be held, and to modify term limits for certain elected state offices.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to limit the legislative session, to modify when extraordinary sessions may be held, and to modify term limits for certain elected state offices, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

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2 Sec. 13. **EXCEPT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS CALLED TO CONVENE ON**
3 **EXTRAORDINARY OCCASIONS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15 OF ARTICLE V OF**
4 **THIS CONSTITUTION, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET AS PROVIDED IN**
5 **THIS SECTION.** The legislature shall meet at the seat of government
6 on the second Wednesday in January of each year at twelve o'clock
7 noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without day, on a day
8 determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve o'clock noon. Any
9 business, bill or joint resolution pending at the final adjournment
10 of a regular session held in an odd numbered year shall carry over
11 with the same status to the next regular session. **IN 2015 AND EVERY**
12 **YEAR AFTER 2015, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET FOR NOT MORE THAN 170**
13 **CONSECUTIVE DAYS.**

14 **THE LEGISLATURE MAY BE CONVENED FOR SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE**
15 **SESSIONS FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS IF A**
16 **RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS**
17 **ELECTED AND SERVING IN EACH HOUSE. THE RESOLUTION CONVENING THE**
18 **LEGISLATURE SHALL SPECIFY A PURPOSE OR PURPOSES FOR CONVENING A**
19 **SPECIAL SESSION, AND ANY SPECIAL SESSION CONVENED BY THE RESOLUTION**
20 **SHALL CONSIDER ONLY MEASURES GERMANE TO THE PURPOSE OR PURPOSES**
21 **EXPRESSED IN THE RESOLUTION, UNLESS THE LEGISLATURE ADOPTS A**
22 **RESOLUTION DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL**
23 **PURPOSE OR PURPOSES BY A VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED**
24 **AND SERVING IN EACH HOUSE.**

25 Sec. 54. No person shall ~~be elected to the office of~~ **SERVE AS**
26 **A state representative more than three times. No person shall be**
27 ~~elected to the office of state senate more than two times~~ **OR STATE**

1 **SENATOR FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF MORE THAN 14 YEARS.** Any person
 2 appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of
 3 representatives or the state senate ~~for a period greater than one~~
 4 ~~half of a term of such office,~~ **WHO HOLDS OFFICE FOR ONE DAY OR MORE**
 5 **WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR** shall be considered to have ~~been elected to~~
 6 ~~serve one time in that office~~ **SERVED THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR** for
 7 purposes of this section. This limitation on the number of ~~times~~
 8 **YEARS** a person ~~shall be elected to~~ **MAY SERVE IN** office shall apply
 9 to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, ~~1993.~~ **2015 AND**
 10 **TO ELECTED OFFICIALS FIRST ELECTED TO SERVE AS EITHER STATE**
 11 **REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR IN NOVEMBER 2014 OR LATER. A PERSON**
 12 **IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR**
 13 **UNLESS THAT PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE THE ENTIRE TERM OF THAT**
 14 **OFFICE UNDER THIS SECTION.**

15 This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be
 16 enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall
 17 limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of
 18 this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the
 19 remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will
 20 remain in full force and effect.

21 **ARTICLE V**

22 Sec. 15. The governor may convene the legislature on
 23 extraordinary occasions **FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 30**
 24 **CONSECUTIVE DAYS. THE SPECIFICATION OF PURPOSE BY THE GOVERNOR MAY**
 25 **BE CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATURE.**

26 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
 27 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election

1 in the manner provided by law.