

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DD

September 8, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Farrington and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 12, 13, and 31 of article IV, to reduce the salaries of members of the legislature, to limit the legislative session, and to provide that certain state budget bills are presented to the governor 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 reduce the salaries of members of the legislature, to limit the legislative session, and to provide that certain state budget bills are presented to the governor on or before a certain date, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the

people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 12. The state officers compensation commission is created which subject to this section shall determine the salaries and expense allowances of ~~the members of the legislature,~~ the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court. The commission shall consist of 7 members appointed by the governor whose qualifications may be determined by law. Subject to the legislature's ability to amend the commission's determinations as provided in this section, the commission shall determine the salaries and expense allowances of ~~the members of the legislature,~~ the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court which determinations shall be the salaries and expense allowances only if the legislature by concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature approve them. The senate and house of representatives shall alternate on which house of the legislature shall originate the concurrent resolution, with the senate originating the first concurrent resolution. **BEGINNING IN 2013, THE SALARY OF EACH MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE 15% OF THE SALARY OF THE GOVERNOR.**

The concurrent resolution may amend the salary and expense determinations of the state officers compensation commission to reduce the salary and expense determinations by the same proportion for ~~members of the legislature,~~ the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the

1 justices of the supreme court. The legislature shall not amend the
2 salary and expense determinations to reduce them to below the
3 salary and expense level that ~~members of the legislature,~~ the
4 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
5 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court receive
6 on the date the salary and expense determinations are made. If the
7 salary and expense determinations are approved or amended as
8 provided in this section, the salary and expense determinations
9 shall become effective for the legislative session immediately
10 following the next general election. The commission shall meet each
11 2 years for no more than 15 session days. The legislature shall
12 implement this section by law.

13 Sec. 13. ~~The legislature shall meet at the seat of government~~
14 ~~on the second Wednesday in January of each year at twelve o'clock~~
15 ~~noon.~~ **EXCEPT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS CALLED TO CONVENE ON**
16 **EXTRAORDINARY OCCASIONS, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET AS**
17 **PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.** Each regular session shall adjourn
18 without day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at
19 twelve o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending
20 at the final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd
21 numbered year shall carry over with the same status to the next
22 regular session. **IN 2013 AND EVERY YEAR AFTER 2013, THE LEGISLATURE**
23 **SHALL ONLY MEET BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND JUNE 30.**

24 Sec. 31. The general appropriation bills for the succeeding
25 fiscal period covering items set forth in the budget shall be
26 passed or rejected in either house of the legislature before that
27 house passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget

1 except bills supplementing appropriations for the current fiscal
2 year's operation. Any bill requiring an appropriation to carry out
3 its purpose shall be considered an appropriation bill. One of the
4 general appropriation bills as passed by the legislature shall
5 contain an itemized statement of estimated revenue by major source
6 in each operating fund for the ensuing fiscal period, the total of
7 which shall not be less than the total of all appropriations made
8 from each fund in the general appropriation bills as passed. **THE**
9 **LEGISLATURE SHALL PRESENT ALL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILLS FOR THE**
10 **SUCCEEDING FISCAL PERIOD TO THE GOVERNOR ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15 OF**
11 **EACH YEAR.**

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.