

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION J

February 15, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Townsend, Ananich, Liss, Geiss, Hobbs, Switalski, Bauer, Tlaib, Hovey-Wright, Darany, Barnett, Rutledge, Olumba, Dillon, Brunner, Cavanagh, Huuki, Talabi and Brown and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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 and signed by the governor on or before a certain date and to reduce compensation of state legislators, the governor, and the lieutenant governor when certain state budget bills are not presented to and signed by 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 provide that certain state budget bills be presented to and signed by the governor on or before a certain date and to reduce compensation of state legislators, the governor, and

the lieutenant governor when certain state budget bills are not presented to and signed by the governor on or before a certain date, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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 TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GOVERNOR SHALL SIGN ALL GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS FOR THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL PERIOD ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR.**

**SEC. 55. IF THE LEGISLATURE HAS NOT PRESENTED ALL GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS FOR THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL PERIOD TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE DATE SET FORTH IN SECTION 31 OF THIS ARTICLE, EACH LEGISLATOR SHALL FORFEIT HIS OR HER SALARY FOR EACH DAY AFTER THAT DATE THAT ALL THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS HAVE NOT BEEN PRESENTED. IF THE GOVERNOR HAS NOT SIGNED ALL GENERAL APPROPRIATION**

1   BILLS FOR THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL PERIOD BY THE DATE SET FORTH IN  
2   SECTION 31 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
3   SHALL FORFEIT THEIR SALARIES FOR EACH DAY AFTER THAT DATE THAT ALL  
4   THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS HAVE NOT BEEN SIGNED.

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