

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION SS

March 15, 2012, Introduced by Reps. Bauer, Tlaib, Hovey-Wright, Lindberg and Dillon and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 26 of article IV, to provide for four-year sunsets on all bills to increase or create new tax exemptions and credits.

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 four-year sunsets on all bills to increase or create new tax exemptions and credits, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 26. (1) No bill shall be passed or become a law at any regular session of the legislature until it has been printed or reproduced and in the possession of each house for at least five

1 days. Every bill shall be read three times in each house before the
2 final passage thereof. No bill shall become a law without the
3 concurrence of a majority of the members elected to and serving in
4 each house. On the final passage of bills, the votes and names of
5 the members voting thereon shall be entered in the journal.

6 (2) A BILL TO INCREASE OR CREATE A NEW TAX EXEMPTION OR TO
7 INCREASE OR CREATE A NEW TAX CREDIT, THAT HAS THE EFFECT OF
8 REDUCING TAX REVENUE, FOR A TAX IMPOSED BY THIS STATE SHALL NOT
9 BECOME LAW UNLESS THE BILL PROVIDES A SUNSET FOR THAT INCREASED OR
10 NEW TAX EXEMPTION OR INCREASED OR NEW TAX CREDIT NOT LONGER THAN
11 FOUR YEARS AFTER THAT BILL BECOMES LAW.

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.