

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION XX

June 14, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Olumba and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 25 of article VII, to prohibit the sale or lease of certain assets owned by a public authority without a vote of the citizens of the affected municipality.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to prohibit the sale or lease of certain assets owned by a public authority without a vote of the citizens of the affected municipality, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VII

Sec. 25. No city or village shall acquire any public utility furnishing light, heat or power, or grant any public utility franchise which is not subject to revocation at the will of the city or village, unless the proposition shall first have been approved by three-fifths of the electors voting thereon. No city or village may sell **OR LEASE** any public utility **OR ASSETS OF A PUBLIC AUTHORITY** unless the proposition shall first have been approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, or a greater number if the charter shall so provide.

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