

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ZZ

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 6 of article VIII, to require the establishment of an African-American university as a public university and provide for its financial support.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to require the establishment of an African-American university as a public university and provide for its financial support, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VIII

Sec. 6. ~~Other~~ **THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AS AN INSTITUTION**

1 OF HIGHER EDUCATION HAVING AUTHORITY TO GRANT BACCALAUREATE DEGREES
2 AND PROVIDE FOR ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT. THAT INSTITUTION, AND OTHER
3 institutions of higher education established by law having
4 authority to grant baccalaureate degrees, shall each be governed by
5 a board of control which shall be a body corporate. The board shall
6 have general supervision of the institution and the control and
7 direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. ~~It~~

8 EACH BOARD OF CONTROL shall, as often as necessary, elect a
9 president of the institution under its supervision. ~~He~~—THE
10 PRESIDENT shall be the principal executive officer of the
11 institution and be ex-officio a member of the board without the
12 right to vote. The board may elect one of its members or may
13 designate the president, to preside at board meetings.

14 Each board of control shall consist of eight members who shall
15 hold office for terms of eight years, not more than two of which
16 shall expire in the same year, and who shall be appointed by the
17 governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate.
18 Vacancies shall be filled in like manner.

19 AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "AFRICAN-AMERICAN
20 UNIVERSITY" MEANS A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY THAT HAS A MISSION THAT
21 REFLECTS A COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING HIGHER EDUCATION AMONG AFRICAN-
22 AMERICANS.

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