

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION AA

May 17, 2011, Introduced by Rep. McMillin 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 require bills to be reported or discharged from committee and any changes be made available to members for at least 3 days before passage.

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 bills to be reported or discharged from committee and any changes be made available to members for at least 3 days before passage, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 26. No bill shall be passed or become a law at any

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1 regular session of the legislature until it has been printed or
2 reproduced and in the possession of each house for at least five
3 days **AND UNTIL IT HAS BEEN REPORTED OR DISCHARGED FROM A COMMITTEE**
4 **IN EACH HOUSE FOR AT LEAST THREE DAYS BEFORE PASSAGE. IF A BILL IS**
5 **CHANGED AFTER BEING REPORTED OR DISCHARGED FROM A COMMITTEE, THAT**
6 **BILL SHALL NOT BE PASSED UNTIL IT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE**
7 **MEMBERS OF THAT HOUSE FOR AT LEAST THREE DAYS BEFORE PASSAGE. EACH**
8 **HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE MAY WAIVE THE THREE-DAY REQUIREMENT OF**
9 **THIS SECTION WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF THE MEMBERS**
10 **ELECTED AND SERVING IN THAT HOUSE. THE VOTES AND NAMES OF THE**
11 **MEMBERS VOTING ON WAIVING THE THREE-DAY REQUIREMENT OF THIS SECTION**
12 **SHALL BE ENTERED IN THE JOURNAL.** Every bill shall be read three
13 times in each house before the final passage thereof. No bill shall
14 become a law without the concurrence of a majority of the members
15 elected to and serving in each house. On the final passage of
16 bills, the votes and names of the members voting thereon shall be
17 entered in the journal.

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