

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION QQ

February 16, 2012, Introduced by Reps. McMillin, Somerville, McBroom and Yonker and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 3 of article VIII, to require members of the state board of education to be elected from single-member districts.

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 members of the state board of education to be elected from single-member districts, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VIII

Sec. 3. Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education

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1 granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of  
2 education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating  
3 body for all public education, including higher education, and  
4 shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in  
5 connection therewith.

6 The state board of education shall appoint a superintendent of  
7 public instruction whose term of office shall be determined by the  
8 board. He **OR SHE** shall be the ~~chairman~~**CHAIRPERSON** of the board  
9 without the right to vote, and shall be responsible for the  
10 execution of its policies. He **OR SHE** shall be the principal  
11 executive officer of a state department of education which shall  
12 have powers and duties provided by law.

13 ~~The~~**UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2012, THE** state board of education  
14 shall consist of eight members who shall be nominated by party  
15 conventions and elected at large for terms of eight years as  
16 prescribed by law. **BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013, THE STATE BOARD OF**  
17 **EDUCATION SHALL CONSIST OF EIGHT MEMBERS WHO SHALL BE NOMINATED BY**  
18 **PARTY CONVENTIONS AND ELECTED FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FOR**  
19 **TERMS OF EIGHT YEARS AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.** The governor shall fill  
20 any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term. The governor  
21 shall be ~~ex-officio~~**EX OFFICIO** a member of the state board of  
22 education without the right to vote.

23 The power of the boards of institutions of higher education  
24 provided in this constitution to supervise their respective  
25 institutions and control and direct the expenditure of the  
26 institutions' funds shall not be limited by this section.

27 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be

- 1 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
- 2 in the manner provided by law.