

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION Q

May 31, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Barrett, Johnson, Glenn, Cole and Bellino and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 13 of article IV, to limit the legislative session.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to limit the legislative session, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

## ARTICLE IV

Sec. 13. (1) **EXCEPT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS CALLED TO CONVENE ON EXTRAORDINARY OCCASIONS, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.**

(2) The legislature shall meet at the seat of government on

1 the second ~~Wednesday~~ **FRIDAY** in January of each year at twelve  
2 o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without day, on a  
3 day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve o'clock noon.  
4 Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the final  
5 adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year shall  
6 carry over with the same status to the next regular session.

7 **(3) IN 2019 AND EVERY YEAR AFTER 2019, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL**  
8 **ONLY MEET AS FOLLOWS:**

9 **(A) FOR ONE WEEKEND EACH MONTH. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION,**  
10 **"WEEKEND" MEANS FROM FRIDAY TO MONDAY.**

11 **(B) FOR A PERIOD OF TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS OCCURRING TWICE EACH**  
12 **YEAR. THE FIRST PERIOD DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL OCCUR IN**  
13 **JANUARY, FEBRUARY, OR MARCH. THE SECOND PERIOD DESCRIBED IN THIS**  
14 **SUBDIVISION SHALL OCCUR IN JULY, AUGUST, OR SEPTEMBER.**

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