



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION H

February 8, 1995, Introduced by Senators DUNASKISS, SHUGARS and CARL and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 12, 13, and 31 of article IV and section 18 of article V, to provide that the state officers compensation commission's determination of certain salaries and expense allowances becomes effective only upon approval by the legislature for the following legislative session, to reduce legislative salaries, to limit the legislative session, and to provide that the budget and appropriation process cover a 2-year fiscal period.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to provide that the state officers compensation commission's determination of certain salaries and expense allowances becomes effective only upon approval by the legislature for the following legislative session, to reduce

legislative salaries, to limit the legislative session, and to provide that the budget and appropriation process cover a 2-year fiscal period, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 12. The state officers compensation commission is created which shall determine the salaries and expense allowances of the members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the justices of the supreme court. The commission shall consist of 7 members appointed by the governor. The commission shall determine the salaries and expense allowances of the members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the justices of the supreme court which determinations shall be the salaries and expense allowances ~~unless~~ ONLY IF the legislature by concurrent resolution adopted by ~~2/3~~ A MAJORITY of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature ~~reject~~ APPROVE them. ~~The~~ IF THE SALARY AND EXPENSE DETERMINATIONS ARE APPROVED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE SALARY AND EXPENSE DETERMINATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE, THE commission shall meet each 2 years for no more than 15 session days. The legislature shall implement this section by law. THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE IN EFFECT WHEN THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION THAT ADDS THIS SENTENCE IS ADOPTED SHALL BE REDUCED BY 50%. SUBSEQUENT TO THE 50% SALARY REDUCTION,

SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

Sec. 13. EXCEPT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS CALLED TO CONVENE ON EXTRAORDINARY OCCASIONS, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session. IN 1995 AND EVERY ODD NUMBERED YEAR AFTER 1995, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. IN 1996 AND EVERY EVEN NUMBERED YEAR AFTER 1996, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET FOR NOT MORE THAN 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. IN ADDITION, THE LEGISLATURE MAY BE CALLED TO CONVENE ON AN EXTRAORDINARY OCCASION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE. THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL STATE THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE WHEN CALLING THE LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE ON AN EXTRAORDINARY OCCASION.

Sec. 31. The general appropriation bills for the succeeding 2-YEAR fiscal period covering items set forth in the budget shall be passed or rejected in either house of the legislature before that house passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget except bills supplementing appropriations for the current fiscal ~~year's~~ PERIOD'S operation. Any bill requiring an

appropriation to carry out its purpose shall be considered an appropriation bill. One of the general appropriation bills as passed by the legislature shall contain an itemized statement of estimated revenue by major source in each operating fund for the ensuing 2-YEAR fiscal period, the total of which shall not be less than the total of all appropriations made from each fund in the general appropriation bills as passed. GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS SHALL COVER THE 2-YEAR FISCAL PERIOD.

ARTICLE V

Sec. 18. The governor shall submit to the legislature at a time fixed by law, a budget for the ensuing 2-YEAR fiscal period setting forth in detail, for all operating funds, the proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the state. Proposed expenditures from any fund shall not exceed the estimated revenue thereof. On the same date, the governor shall submit to the legislature general appropriation bills to embody the proposed expenditures and any necessary bill or bills to provide new or additional revenues to meet proposed expenditures. The amount of any surplus created or deficit incurred in any fund during the last preceding fiscal period shall be entered as an item in the budget and in one of the appropriation bills. The governor may submit amendments to appropriation bills to be offered in either house during consideration of the bill by that house, and shall submit bills to meet deficiencies in current appropriations.

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.