

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION Q

March 12, 1998, Introduced by Senators DINGELL, BERRYMAN, V. SMITH and PETERS and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 11 of article IX and adding section 40 to article IX, to provide for revenue sharing distributions to counties, cities, villages, and townships and to guarantee a certain annual increase in state aid to public schools.

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 for revenue sharing distributions to counties, cities, villages, and townships and to guarantee a certain annual increase in state aid to public schools, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IX

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2 Sec. 11. There shall be established a state school aid fund
3 which shall be used exclusively for aid to school districts —
4 ~~higher education,~~ and school employees' retirement systems, as
5 provided by law. Sixty percent of all taxes imposed at a rate of
6 4% on retailers on taxable sales at retail of tangible personal
7 property, 100% of the proceeds of the sales and use taxes imposed
8 at the additional rate of 2% provided for in section 8 of this
9 article, and other tax revenues provided by law, shall be dedi-
10 cated to this fund. Payments from this fund shall be made in
11 full on a scheduled basis, as provided by law.

12 Beginning in the 1995-96 state fiscal year, and FOR each
13 state fiscal year ~~after~~ FROM 1995-96 THROUGH 1998-1999, the
14 state shall guarantee that the total state and local per pupil
15 revenue for school operating purposes for each local school dis-
16 trict shall not be less than the 1994-95 total state and local
17 per pupil revenue for school operating purposes for that local
18 school district, as adjusted for consolidations, annexations, or
19 other boundary changes. BEGINNING IN THE 1999-2000 STATE FISCAL
20 YEAR, AND FOR EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR AFTER 1999-2000, THE STATE
21 SHALL GUARANTEE THAT THE TOTAL STATE AND LOCAL PER PUPIL REVENUE
22 FOR SCHOOL OPERATING PURPOSES FOR EACH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
23 SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN THE 1997-1998 TOTAL STATE AND LOCAL PER
24 PUPIL REVENUE FOR SCHOOL OPERATING PURPOSES FOR THAT LOCAL SCHOOL
25 DISTRICT, AS ADJUSTED FOR CONSOLIDATIONS, ANNEXATIONS, OR OTHER
26 BOUNDARY CHANGES. However, this guarantee does not apply in a

1 year in which the local school district levies a millage rate for
2 school district operating purposes less than it levied in 1994.

3 BEGINNING IN THE 1999-2000 STATE FISCAL YEAR, AND FOR EACH
4 STATE FISCAL YEAR AFTER 1999-2000, THE STATE SHALL GUARANTEE THAT
5 THE AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR STATE AID TO PUBLIC
6 PRE-ELEMENTARY, ELEMENTARY, AND SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR A STATE
7 FISCAL YEAR INCREASES, AS COMPARED TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY APPRO-
8 PRIATED FOR THOSE PURPOSES FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING STATE
9 FISCAL YEAR, BY AT LEAST THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE INCREASE IN
10 THE COMBINED TOTAL GROSS STATE SCHOOL AID FUND REVENUE AND GROSS
11 GENERAL FUND/GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE FROM THE IMMEDIATELY PRECED-
12 ING STATE FISCAL YEAR, AS ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN STATE LAW OR
13 ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING
14 DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH FOR THE 1999-2000 STATE FISCAL
15 YEAR, THE CALCULATIONS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE MADE USING
16 \$9,530,000,000.00 AS THE TOTAL DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT FOR THE
17 1998-1999 STATE FISCAL YEAR.

18 SEC. 40. BEGINNING IN THE 1999-2000 STATE FISCAL YEAR, AND
19 FOR EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR AFTER 1999-2000, THE STATE SHALL GUAR-
20 ANTEE THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED BY LAW TO ASSIST COUN-
21 TIES, CITIES, VILLAGES, AND TOWNSHIPS INCREASES, AS COMPARED TO
22 THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THOSE PURPOSES FOR THE
23 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING STATE FISCAL YEAR, BY AT LEAST THE SAME
24 PERCENTAGE AS THE INCREASE IN THE COMBINED TOTAL GROSS STATE
25 SCHOOL AID FUND REVENUE AND GROSS GENERAL FUND/GENERAL PURPOSE
26 REVENUE FROM THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING STATE FISCAL YEAR, AS
27 ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN STATE LAW OR ADMINISTRATIVE

1 DETERMINATIONS. DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION ARE IN ADDITION
2 TO THE DISTRIBUTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 10. FOR THE PURPOSE
3 OF DETERMINING DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION AND SECTION 10
4 FOR THE 1999-2000 STATE FISCAL YEAR TO ASSIST COUNTIES, CITIES,
5 VILLAGES, AND TOWNSHIPS, THE CALCULATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION AND
6 SECTION 10 SHALL BE MADE USING \$1,486,000,000.00 AS THE TOTAL
7 DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT FOR THE 1998-1999 STATE FISCAL YEAR.

8 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be sub-
9 mitted to the people of the state at the next general election in
10 the manner provided by law.