

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION Z

July 26, 2006, Introduced by Rep. Ward and referred to the Committee on House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 2 of article XII, to provide that a constitutional amendment proposed by petition be approved by a majority of electors at two successive general elections before becoming part of the constitution.

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 a constitutional amendment proposed by petition be approved by a majority of electors at two successive general elections before becoming part of the constitution, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE XII

Sec. 2. Amendments may be proposed to this constitution by petition of the registered electors of this state. Every petition shall include the full text of the proposed amendment, and be signed by registered electors of ~~the~~ **THIS** state equal in number to at least 10 percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected. ~~Such~~ **THE** petitions shall be filed with the person authorized by law to receive the ~~same~~ **PETITIONS** at least 120 days before the **GENERAL** election at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon. ~~Any such~~ **EVERY** petition shall be in the form, and shall be signed and circulated in such manner, as prescribed by law. The person authorized by law to receive ~~such~~ **THE** petition shall upon its receipt determine, as provided by law, the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on the petition, and make an official announcement ~~thereof~~ **OF THE VALIDITY AND SUFFICIENCY OF THE SIGNATURES ON THE PETITION** at least 60 days prior to the **GENERAL** election at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon.

~~Any~~ **AN** amendment proposed by ~~such~~ petition shall be submitted, not less than 120 days after it was filed, to the electors at the next general election. ~~Such~~ **THE** proposed amendment, existing provisions of the constitution ~~which~~ **THAT** would be altered or abrogated ~~thereby~~ **BY THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT**, and the question as it shall appear on the ballot shall be published in full as provided by law. Copies of ~~such~~ **THE** publication shall be posted in each polling place and furnished to

1 news media as provided by law.

2 The ballot to be used in ~~such~~ **THE GENERAL** election shall
3 contain a statement of the purpose of the proposed amendment,
4 expressed in not more than 100 words, exclusive of caption. ~~Such~~
5 **THE** statement of purpose and caption shall be prepared by the
6 person authorized by law, and shall consist of a true and impartial
7 statement of the purpose of the amendment in ~~such~~ language as
8 shall create no prejudice for or against the proposed amendment.

9 If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the
10 electors voting on the question **AT THE GENERAL ELECTION, THE**
11 **QUESTION SHALL BE RESUBMITTED TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS, IN THE**
12 **SAME MANNER THAT THE QUESTION WAS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED, AT THE NEXT**
13 **SUCCEEDING GENERAL ELECTION. THE QUESTION SHALL BE REPUBLISHED IN**
14 **FULL IN THE SAME MANNER THAT THE ORIGINAL QUESTION WAS PUBLISHED.**
15 **IF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS APPROVED AT THE NEXT SUCCEEDING**
16 **GENERAL ELECTION BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING ON THE**
17 **QUESTION**, it shall become part of the constitution, and shall
18 abrogate or amend existing provisions of the constitution at the
19 end of 45 days after the date of the **GENERAL** election at which it
20 was **FINALLY** approved. If two or more amendments **THAT ARE FINALLY**
21 approved by the electors at the same election conflict, that
22 amendment receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

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