

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION WW

April 10, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Donigan, Vagnozzi, Kathleen Law, Young, Robert Jones, Condino, Cushingberry and Clack and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 51 of article IV, to require the legislature to pass laws establishing affordable and comprehensive health care coverage for all Michigan residents.

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 the legislature to pass laws establishing affordable and comprehensive health care coverage for all Michigan residents, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 51. The public health and general welfare of the people

1 of the state are hereby declared to be matters of primary public
2 concern. The legislature shall pass suitable laws for the
3 protection and promotion of the public health. **THE LEGISLATURE**
4 **SHALL PASS LAWS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF THE STATE HAS**
5 **AFFORDABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE THROUGH A FAIR**
6 **AND COST-EFFECTIVE FINANCING SYSTEM. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PASS**
7 **LAWS THAT, THROUGH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE MEASURES, CONTROL HEALTH CARE**
8 **COSTS AND PROVIDE FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY PREVENTIVE, PRIMARY,**
9 **ACUTE, AND CHRONIC HEALTH CARE NEEDS.**

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