

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION J

February 6, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Townsend, Slavens and Cavanagh and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 26 of article IV, to require a fiscal impact note for all bills and to require spending cuts or increased revenues for any bill that will increase state spending or have a negative impact on state revenues.

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 a fiscal impact note for all bills and to require spending cuts or increased revenues for any bill that will increase state spending or have a negative impact on state revenues, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

1 Sec. 26. No bill shall be passed or become a law at any
2 regular session of the legislature until it has been printed or
3 reproduced and in the possession of each house for at least five
4 days. Every bill shall be read three times in each house before the
5 final passage thereof. No bill shall become a law without the
6 concurrence of a majority of the members elected to and serving in
7 each house. On the final passage of bills, the votes and names of
8 the members voting thereon shall be entered in the journal. **A BILL**
9 **SHALL NOT BE PASSED BY EITHER HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE BEFORE THE**
10 **MEMBERS OF THAT HOUSE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH A FISCAL IMPACT NOTE**
11 **PRODUCED BY A NONPARTISAN LEGISLATIVE FISCAL AGENCY DETAILING THE**
12 **FISCAL IMPACT OF THE BILL FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS UPON THIS STATE,**
13 **OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES IN THIS STATE, BUSINESSES IN THIS**
14 **STATE, AND CITIZENS OF THIS STATE. IF A BILL WILL INCREASE STATE**
15 **SPENDING OR HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ANY REVENUES TO THIS STATE,**
16 **THE BILL SHALL NOT BECOME LAW UNLESS ANOTHER BILL IS ENACTED TO**
17 **REDUCE STATE SPENDING OR INCREASE STATE REVENUES BY THAT SAME**
18 **AMOUNT.**

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