

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION R

April 23, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Bollin, Lightner, Martin, Rigas, Harris, Neyer, Aragona, Beeler, Bierlein, Fink, Smit, Meerman, Borton, Steele, Tisdell, Kuhn, Jaime Greene and Bruck and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 12 and 16 of article IV, to allow either house of the legislature to suspend the salary or expense allowance of a member of that house by a two-thirds vote under certain circumstances.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to allow either house of the legislature to suspend the salary or expense allowance of a member of that house by a two-thirds vote under certain circumstances, is proposed,

agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

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2 Sec. 12. **(1)** The state officers compensation commission is
3 created which subject to this section shall determine the salaries
4 and expense allowances of the members of the legislature, the
5 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
6 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court. The
7 commission shall consist of ~~7~~**seven** members appointed by the
8 governor whose qualifications may be determined by law. Subject to
9 the legislature's ability to amend the commission's determinations
10 as provided in this section **and the legislature's ability to**
11 **suspend the salaries and expense allowances of members of the**
12 **legislature as provided in section 16**, the commission shall
13 determine the salaries and expense allowances of the members of the
14 legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney
15 general, the secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme
16 court which determinations shall be the salaries and expense
17 allowances only if the legislature by concurrent resolution adopted
18 by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house
19 of the legislature approve them. The senate and house of
20 representatives shall alternate on which house of the legislature
21 shall originate the concurrent resolution, with the senate
22 originating the first concurrent resolution.

23 **(2)** The concurrent resolution may amend the salary and expense
24 determinations of the state officers compensation commission to
25 reduce the salary and expense determinations by the same proportion
26 for members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant
27 governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the
28 justices of the supreme court. The legislature shall not amend the

1 salary and expense determinations to reduce them to below the
 2 salary and expense level that members of the legislature, the
 3 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
 4 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court receive
 5 on the date the salary and expense determinations are made. If the
 6 salary and expense determinations are approved or amended as
 7 provided in this section, the salary and expense determinations
 8 shall become effective for the legislative session immediately
 9 following the next general election. The commission shall meet each
 10 ~~2~~**two** years for no more than 15 session days. The legislature shall
 11 implement this section by law.

12 Sec. 16. **(1)** Each house, except as otherwise provided in this
 13 constitution, shall choose its own officers and determine the rules
 14 of its proceedings, but shall not adopt any rule that will prevent
 15 a majority of the members elected ~~thereto~~ and serving ~~therein~~ **in**
 16 **that house** from discharging a committee from the further
 17 consideration of any measure. Each house shall be the sole judge of
 18 the qualifications, elections, and returns of its members, and may,
 19 with the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members elected
 20 ~~thereto~~ and serving ~~therein~~, **in that house**, expel a member. The
 21 reasons for ~~such~~ **the** expulsion shall be entered in the journal,
 22 with the votes and names of the members voting upon the question.
 23 No member shall be expelled a second time for the same cause.

24 **(2) Each house may, with the concurrence of two-thirds of all**
 25 **the members elected and serving in that house, suspend part or all**
 26 **of the salary and expense allowances of a member who acts**
 27 **unethically or is excessively absent from regular session. Each**
 28 **house shall be the sole judge of a suspension under this**
 29 **subsection, and the reasons for the suspension shall be entered in**

1 the journal, with the votes and names of the members voting upon
2 the question.

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