

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION V

March 30, 2006, Introduced by Reps. David Law, Baxter, Mortimer, Rocca, Kahn, Gosselin, LaJoy, Booher, Marleau, Schuitmaker, Byrum, Kathleen Law, Stahl, Bieda, Murphy, Accavitti, Wojno, Angerer, Byrnes, Espinoza, McDowell, Vander Veen, Gaffney, Proos, Tobocman, Huizenga, Clemente and Taub 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 12 of article IV, to reduce the compensation of state legislators who have unexcused absences on legislative session days.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to reduce the compensation of state legislators who have unexcused absences on legislative session days, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 12. The state officers compensation commission is created which subject to this section shall determine the salaries and expense allowances of the members of the legislature, the governor,

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

16 The concurrent resolution may amend the salary and expense
17 determinations of the state officers compensation commission to
18 reduce the salary and expense determinations by the same proportion
19 for members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant
20 governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the
21 justices of the supreme court. The legislature shall not amend the
22 salary and expense determinations to reduce them to below the
23 salary and expense level that members of the legislature, the
24 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
25 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court receive
26 on the date the salary and expense determinations are made. If the
27 salary and expense determinations are approved or amended as

1 provided in this section, the salary and expense determinations
2 shall become effective for the legislative session immediately
3 following the next general election. The commission shall meet each
4 2 years for no more than 15 session days. The legislature shall
5 implement this section by law.

6 **EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE MAY PROVIDE BY RULE THAT A**
7 **MEMBER OF THAT HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE MAY LOSE A PORTION OF HIS**
8 **OR HER SALARY FOR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES ON SESSION DAYS.**

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