

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION M

May 23, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Gonzales, Hammon, Kathleen Law, Virgil Smith and Leland and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 13 of article IV and by repealing section 54 of article IV, to limit the legislative session and to repeal term limits for legislators.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to limit the legislative session and to repeal term limits for legislators, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 13. **EXCEPT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS CALLED TO CONVENE ON EXTRAORDINARY OCCASIONS, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET AS**

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1 **PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.** The legislature shall meet at the seat of  
2 government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at  
3 twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without  
4 day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve  
5 o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the  
6 final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year  
7 shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session.  
8 **IN 2009 AND EVERY YEAR AFTER 2009, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET FOR**  
9 **NOT MORE THAN 120 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. IN ADDITION, THE LEGISLATURE**  
10 **MAY BE CALLED TO CONVENE ON AN EXTRAORDINARY OCCASION BY UNANIMOUS**  
11 **CONSENT OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE**  
12 **LEGISLATURE.**

13 ~~—— Sec. 54. No person shall be elected to the office of state~~  
14 ~~representative more than three times. No person shall be elected to~~  
15 ~~the office of state senate more than two times. Any person~~  
16 ~~appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of~~  
17 ~~representatives or the state senate for a period greater than one~~  
18 ~~half of a term of such office, shall be considered to have been~~  
19 ~~elected to serve one time in that office for purposes of this~~  
20 ~~section. This limitation on the number of times a person shall be~~  
21 ~~elected to office shall apply to terms of office beginning on or~~  
22 ~~after January 1, 1993.~~

23 ~~—— This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be~~  
24 ~~enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall~~  
25 ~~limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of~~  
26 ~~this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the~~  
27 ~~remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will~~

1 ~~remain in full force and effect.~~

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