

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION L

January 31, 2013, Introduced by Senators ANDERSON, BIEDA, HOPGOOD, JOHNSON and GREGORY 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 section 15 of article V, to limit the time that the legislature may meet, to limit what the legislature may consider at extraordinary sessions of the legislature, and to provide for a two-thirds vote of the legislature during those sessions.

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 time that the legislature may meet, to limit what the legislature may consider at extraordinary sessions of the legislature, and to provide for a two-thirds vote of the legislature during those sessions, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

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ARTICLE IV

Sec. 13. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve o'clock noon. **THE LEGISLATURE SHALL NOT MEET IN REGULAR SESSION AFTER THE NOVEMBER ELECTION IN AN EVEN NUMBERED YEAR.** Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session.

ARTICLE V

Sec. 15. The governor may convene the legislature on extraordinary occasions. **IF THE GOVERNOR CONVENES THE LEGISLATURE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ONLY MEET TO CONSIDER BILLS IF A RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO AND SERVING IN EACH HOUSE. A BILL CONSIDERED DURING A SESSION CONVENEED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BECOME LAW WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO AND SERVING IN EACH HOUSE. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL NOT REMOVE ANY TIE-BAR FROM A BILL CONSIDERED DURING A SESSION CONVENEED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO AND SERVING IN EACH HOUSE.**

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