

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION QQ

September 7, 2016, Introduced by Rep. Lucido and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 21 of article V, section 2 of article VI, and sections 3 and 5 of article VIII, to modify the nomination process for lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, justices of the supreme court, state board of education, Regents of the University of Michigan, Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, and Board of Governors of Wayne State University.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to modify the nomination process for lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, justices

of the supreme court, state board of education, Regents of the University of Michigan, Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, and Board of Governors of Wayne State University, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

1 ARTICLE V

2 Sec. 21. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state
3 and attorney general shall be elected for four-year terms at the
4 general election in each alternate even-numbered year.

5 The lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney
6 general shall be nominated ~~by party conventions~~ in a manner
7 prescribed by law. In the general election one vote shall be cast
8 jointly for the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor
9 nominated by the same party.

10 Vacancies in the office of the secretary of state and attorney
11 general shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

12 ARTICLE VI

13 Sec. 2. The supreme court shall consist of seven justices
14 **NOMINATED AND** elected at ~~non-partisan~~ **NONPARTISAN** elections as
15 provided by law. The term of office shall be eight years and not
16 more than two terms of office shall expire at the same time.
17 ~~Nominations for justices of the supreme court shall be in the~~
18 ~~manner prescribed by law.~~ Any incumbent justice whose term is to
19 expire may become a candidate for re-election by filing an
20 affidavit of candidacy, in the form and manner prescribed by law,
21 not less than ~~180~~ **210** days prior to the expiration of his **OR HER**
22 term.

23 ARTICLE VIII

1 Sec. 3. Leadership and general supervision over all public
2 education, including adult education and instructional programs in
3 state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education
4 granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of
5 education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating
6 body for all public education, including higher education, and
7 shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in
8 connection therewith.

9 The state board of education shall appoint a superintendent of
10 public instruction whose term of office shall be determined by the
11 board. He **OR SHE** shall be the ~~chairman~~**CHAIRPERSON** of the board
12 without the right to vote, and shall be responsible for the
13 execution of its policies. He **OR SHE** shall be the principal
14 executive officer of a state department of education which shall
15 have powers and duties provided by law.

16 The state board of education shall consist of eight members
17 who shall be nominated ~~by party conventions~~ and elected at large
18 for terms of eight years as prescribed by law. The governor shall
19 fill any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term. The
20 governor shall be ex-officio a member of the state board of
21 education without the right to vote.

22 The power of the boards of institutions of higher education
23 provided in this constitution to supervise their respective
24 institutions and control and direct the expenditure of the
25 institutions' funds shall not be limited by this section.

26 Sec. 5. The regents of the University of Michigan and their
27 successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the

1 Regents of the University of Michigan; the trustees of Michigan
2 State University and their successors in office shall constitute a
3 body corporate known as the Board of Trustees of Michigan State
4 University; the governors of Wayne State University and their
5 successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the
6 Board of Governors of Wayne State University. Each board shall have
7 general supervision of its institution and the control and
8 direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. Each
9 board shall, as often as necessary, elect a president of the
10 institution under its supervision. He **OR SHE** shall be the principal
11 executive officer of the institution, be ex-officio a member of the
12 board without the right to vote and preside at meetings of the
13 board. The board of each institution shall consist of eight members
14 who shall hold office for terms of eight years and who shall be
15 **NOMINATED AND** elected as provided by law. The governor shall fill
16 board vacancies by appointment. Each appointee shall hold office
17 until a successor has been nominated and elected as provided by
18 law.

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.