

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION N

September 19, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Steven Johnson, Paquette and Yaroch and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 12 of article IV, to set the salary of 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 set the salary of legislators, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

1 ARTICLE IV
2 Sec. 12. **(1)** The state officers compensation commission is
3 created which subject to this section shall determine the salaries



1 and expense allowances of the members of the legislature, the
 2 governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the
 3 secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court. The
 4 commission shall consist of 7 members appointed by the governor
 5 whose qualifications may be determined by law.

6 (2) Subject to the legislature's ability to amend the
 7 commission's determinations as provided in ~~this section, subsection~~
 8 (3), the commission shall determine the salaries and expense
 9 allowances of the ~~members of the legislature, the~~ governor, the
 10 lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state,
 11 and the justices of the supreme court. ~~which~~ **The** determinations
 12 shall be the salaries and expense allowances only if the
 13 legislature by concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the
 14 members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature
 15 approve them. The senate and house of representatives shall
 16 alternate on which house of the legislature shall originate the
 17 concurrent resolution, with the senate originating the first
 18 concurrent resolution.

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



1 salary and expense determinations are approved or amended as
2 provided in this ~~section~~, **subsection and subsection (2)**, the salary
3 and expense determinations shall become effective for the
4 legislative session immediately following the next general
5 election. ~~The commission shall meet each 2 years for no more than~~
6 ~~15 session days.~~

7 **(4) Beginning January 1, 2023, the salary of the members of**
8 **the legislature will be the average wage. The commission shall**
9 **determine the average wage and the expense allowances for the**
10 **members of the legislature. As used in this subsection, "average**
11 **wage" means the average wage for a resident of this state during**
12 **the year immediately preceding a legislative session, computed from**
13 **wage data published by the department of technology, management,**
14 **and budget.**

15 **(5) The commission shall meet each 2 years for no more than 15**
16 **session days to make determinations required by this section.**

17 **(6) The legislature shall implement this section by law.**

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

