

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION A

March 14, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Johnsen, Cavitt, Bezotte, DeBoyer, BeGole, Greene, Alexander, Meerman, Rigas, Prestin, Zorn, Smit and Bierlein and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 5 and 6 of article VIII, to prohibit public universities from restricting or regulating the carrying of concealed pistols on university property except as authorized by law.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to prohibit public universities from restricting or regulating the carrying of concealed pistols on university property except as authorized by law, is proposed,

agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VIII

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

22 **(2) The governing board of an institution of higher education**
23 **described in subsection (1) shall not restrict or regulate the**
24 **carrying of concealed pistols anywhere on the institution's**
25 **property except as authorized by law.**

26 Sec. 6. **(1)** Other institutions of higher education established
27 by law having authority to grant baccalaureate degrees shall each
28 be governed by a board of control which shall be a body corporate.

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2 supervision of the institution and the control and direction of all
3 expenditures from the institution's funds. It shall, as often as
4 necessary, elect a president of the institution under its
5 supervision. ~~He~~ **The president** shall be the principal executive
6 officer of the institution and be ex-officio a member of the board
7 without the right to vote. The board may elect one of its members
8 or may designate the president, to preside at board meetings. Each
9 board of control shall consist of eight members who shall hold
10 office for terms of eight years, not more than two of which shall
11 expire in the same year, and who shall be appointed by the governor
12 by and with the advice and consent of the senate. Vacancies shall
13 be filled in like manner.

14 **(2) The governing board of an institution of higher education**
15 **described in subsection (1) shall not restrict or regulate the**
16 **carrying of concealed pistols anywhere on the institution's**
17 **property except as authorized 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.