

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION P

February 28, 2018, Introduced by Senator COLBECK and referred to the Committee on Elections and Government Reform.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 5 and 6 of article VIII, to provide that the governance of state public universities by their governing boards is subject to statutory limitations.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to provide that the governance of state public universities by their governing boards is subject to statutory limitations, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VIII

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

21           Sec. 6. Other institutions of higher education established by  
22 law having authority to grant baccalaureate degrees shall each be  
23 governed by a board of control which shall be a body corporate. ~~The~~  
24 **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE** board shall have general  
25 supervision of the institution and the control and direction of all  
26 expenditures from the institution's funds. It shall, as often as  
27 necessary, elect a president of the institution under its

1 supervision. ~~He~~ **THE PRESIDENT** shall be the principal executive  
2 officer of the institution and be ex-officio a member of the board  
3 without the right to vote. The board may elect one of its members,  
4 or may designate the president, to preside at board meetings. Each  
5 board of control shall consist of eight members who shall hold  
6 office for terms of eight years, not more than two of which shall  
7 expire in the same year, and who shall be appointed by the governor  
8 by and with the advice and consent of the senate. Vacancies shall  
9 be filled in like manner.

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