

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION D

August 24, 2023, Introduced by Senator RUNESTAD 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 and adding section 10 to article VIII, to prohibit state universities from establishing or applying student admissions preferences based on certain familial relationships.

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 state universities from

establishing or applying student admissions preferences based on certain familial relationships, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VIII

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2           Sec. 5. The regents of the University of Michigan and their  
3 successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the  
4 Regents of the University of Michigan; the trustees of Michigan  
5 State University and their successors in office shall constitute a  
6 body corporate known as the Board of Trustees of Michigan State  
7 University; the governors of Wayne State University and their  
8 successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the  
9 Board of Governors of Wayne State University. ~~Each~~ **Subject to**  
10 **section 10 of this article, 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. The  
17 board of each institution shall consist of eight members who shall  
18 hold office for terms of eight years and who shall be elected as  
19 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           Sec. 6. Other institutions of higher education established by  
23 law having authority to grant baccalaureate degrees shall each be  
24 governed by a board of control which shall be a body corporate. ~~The~~  
25 **Subject to section 10 of this article, the** board shall have general  
26 supervision of the institution and the control and direction of all

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

12 **Sec. 10. Beginning in the first academic year after the**  
13 **effective date of this section, the board of an institution of**  
14 **higher education described in section 5 or 6 of this article shall**  
15 **not establish or apply any student admission standard under which**  
16 **preference is given to an applicant on the basis of the applicant's**  
17 **familial relationship to any alumni of the institution or any past**  
18 **or present officers, agents, or employees of the institution.**

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.