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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE V, SECTION 12, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS' SALARIES.

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Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring:

1. Article V, section 12, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor:

12. Compensation of elective state officers; commission on salaries for elective state officers; temporary salary reduction

Section 12. A. The salaries of those holding elective state offices shall be as established by law from time to time, subject to the limitations of article ~~6~~ VI, section 33 and to the limitations of article ~~4~~ IV, part 2, section 17. Such salaries as are presently established may be altered from time to time by the procedure established in this section or as otherwise provided by law, except that legislative salaries may be altered only by the procedures established in this section.

B. A commission to be known as the commission on salaries for elective state officers is authorized to be established by the legislature. The commission shall be composed of five members appointed from private life, two of whom shall be appointed by the governor and one each by the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives~~,~~ and the chief justice. At such times as may be directed by the legislature, the commission shall report to the governor with recommendations concerning the rates of pay of elected state officers. The governor ~~shall upon~~ ON the receipt of such report SHALL make recommendations to the legislature with respect to the exact rates of pay ~~which he~~ THAT THE GOVERNOR deems advisable for those offices and positions other than for the rates of pay of members of the legislature. Such recommendations shall become effective at a time established by the legislature after the transmission of the recommendation of the governor without aid of further legislative action unless, within such period of time, there has been enacted into law a statute ~~which~~ THAT establishes rates of pay other than those proposed by the governor, or unless either house of the legislature specifically disapproves all or part of the governor's recommendation. The recommendations of the governor, unless disapproved or altered within the time provided by law, shall be effective~~; and any 1971 recommendations shall be effective as to all offices on the first Monday in January of 1973~~. In case of either a legislative enactment or disapproval by either house, the recommendations shall be effective only insofar as not altered or disapproved. The recommendations of the commission as to legislative salaries shall be certified by

it to the secretary of state and the secretary of state shall submit to the qualified electors at the next regular general election the question, "Shall the recommendations of the commission on salaries for elective state officers concerning legislative salaries be accepted? [ ] Yes [ ] No." Such recommendations if approved by the electors shall become effective at the beginning of the next regular legislative session without any other authorizing legislation. All recommendations ~~which~~ THAT become effective under this section shall supersede all laws enacted ~~prior to~~ BEFORE their effective date relating to such salaries.

C. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL RECEIVE A TWENTY PER CENT REDUCTION IN SALARY FOR YEARS 2011 AND 2012.

2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of Arizona.