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compensation; elective state officers; inflation

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## **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1020**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE V, SECTION 12, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF ELECTIVE STATE OFFICERS.

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

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

6 12. Compensation of elective state officers; commission  
7 on salaries for elective state officers

8 SECTION 12. A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF  
9 THIS SECTION, THE SALARY OF THOSE HOLDING THE OFFICE OF STATE  
10 LEGISLATOR SHALL BE THE AMOUNT MOST RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE  
11 VOTERS AS ADJUSTED FROM THE CALENDAR YEAR THAT THE SALARY WAS  
12 APPROVED, ON JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, UP OR DOWN FOR INFLATION  
13 OR DEFLATION PURSUANT TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, OR ITS  
14 SUCCESSOR INDEX, AS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
15 OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY.  
16 THE ADJUSTED ANNUAL SALARY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL TAKE  
17 EFFECT ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR.

18 B. The salaries of those holding elective state offices  
19 OTHER THAN THE OFFICE OF STATE LEGISLATOR shall be as  
20 established by law from time to time, subject to the  
21 limitations of article 6 VI, section 33 OF THIS CONSTITUTION  
22 and to the limitations of article 4 IV, part 2, section 17 OF  
23 THIS CONSTITUTION. Such salaries as are presently established  
24 may be altered from time to time by the procedure established  
25 in this section or as otherwise provided by law, ~~except that~~  
26 ~~legislative salaries may be altered only by the procedures~~  
27 ~~established in this section.~~

28 C. A commission to be known as the commission on  
29 salaries for elective state officers is authorized to be  
30 established by the legislature. The commission shall be  
31 composed of five members WHO ARE appointed from private life,  
32 two of whom shall be appointed by the governor and one each by  
33 the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of  
34 representatives, and the chief justice. At such times as may  
35 be directed by the legislature, the commission shall report to  
36 the governor with recommendations concerning the rates of pay  
37 of elected state officers. The governor, ~~shall upon~~ ON the  
38 receipt of such report, SHALL make recommendations to the  
39 legislature with respect to the exact rates of pay ~~which he~~  
40 THAT THE GOVERNOR deems advisable for those offices and  
41 positions other than for the rates of pay of members of the  
42 legislature. Such recommendations shall become effective at a  
43 time established by the legislature after the transmission of  
44 the recommendation of the governor without aid of further  
45 legislative action unless, within such period of time, there

1 has been enacted into law a statute ~~which~~ THAT establishes  
2 rates of pay other than those proposed by the governor, or  
3 unless either house of the legislature specifically  
4 disapproves all or part of the governor's recommendation. The  
5 recommendations of the governor, unless disapproved or altered  
6 within the time provided by law, shall be effective, ~~and any~~  
7 ~~1971 recommendations shall be effective as to all offices on~~  
8 ~~the first Monday in January of 1973.~~ In case of either a  
9 legislative enactment or disapproval by either house, the  
10 recommendations shall be effective only insofar as not altered  
11 or disapproved. The recommendations of the commission as to  
12 legislative salaries shall be certified by it to the secretary  
13 of state and the secretary of state shall submit to the  
14 qualified electors at the next regular general election the  
15 question, "Shall the recommendations of the commission on  
16 salaries for elective state officers concerning legislative  
17 salaries be accepted? [ ] Yes [ ] No." Such recommendations  
18 if approved by the electors shall become effective at the  
19 beginning of the next regular legislative session without any  
20 other authorizing legislation. All recommendations ~~which~~ THAT  
21 become effective under this section shall supersede all laws  
22 enacted ~~prior to~~ BEFORE their effective date relating to such  
23 salaries.

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