

PROPOSED  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.C.R. 1012  
(Reference to Senate engrossed resolution)

1 Strike everything after the resolving clause and insert:

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

5 12. Compensation of elective state officers, justices,  
6 judges and clerks of the superior court:  
7 independent salary commission

8 Section 12. A. The salaries of those holding elective  
9 state offices, JUSTICES AND JUDGES OF COURTS OF RECORD AND  
10 CLERKS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT shall be as established by law  
11 from time to time, subject to the limitations of article  
12 ~~6~~ VI, section 33 OF THIS CONSTITUTION and to the limitations  
13 of article ~~4~~ IV, part 2, section 17 OF THIS CONSTITUTION.  
14 Such salaries as are presently established may be altered from  
15 time to time by the procedure established in this section or  
16 as otherwise provided by law, ~~except that legislative salaries~~  
17 ~~may be altered only by the procedures established in this~~  
18 ~~section.~~

19 B. A commission to be known as the INDEPENDENT SALARY  
20 commission ~~on salaries for elective state officers is~~  
21 ~~authorized to be established by the legislature IS~~  
22 ESTABLISHED. The commission shall be composed of ~~five~~ THE  
23 FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

24 1. THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, OR THE CHIEF  
25 JUSTICE'S DESIGNEE WHO MUST BE A JUDGE, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE  
26 CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION.

27 2. SIX members WHO ARE appointed from private life AS  
28 FOLLOWS: ~~;~~

29 (a) Two ~~of whom shall be~~ WHO ARE appointed by the  
30 governor and ~~one each~~ WHO ARE FROM DIFFERENT POLITICAL  
31 PARTIES.

32 (b) ONE WHO IS APPOINTED by the president of the  
33 senate. ~~;~~

34 (c) ONE WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY PARTY LEADER  
35 OF THE SENATE.

36 ~~(c)~~ (d) ONE WHO IS APPOINTED BY the speaker of the  
37 house of representatives, ~~and the chief justice. At such~~  
38 ~~times as may be directed by the legislature,~~

1 (e) ONE WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY PARTY LEADER  
2 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

3 C. A VICE CHAIRPERSON SHALL BE SELECTED FROM AMONG THE  
4 COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP. IF THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF  
5 THE SENATE OR THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
6 FAILS TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE  
7 JUNE 30 OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR, THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE  
8 SUPREME COURT MAY FILL THE POSITION. BEGINNING IN 2027,  
9 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE TWO-YEAR TERMS.

10 D. The commission shall ANNUALLY report to the  
11 governor, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE  
12 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES with recommendations concerning the  
13 rates of pay of elected state officers, JUSTICES AND JUDGES OF  
14 COURTS OF RECORD AND CLERKS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. ~~The~~  
15 ~~governor shall upon the receipt of such report make~~  
16 ~~recommendations to the legislature with respect to the exact~~  
17 ~~rates of pay which he deems advisable for those offices and~~  
18 ~~positions other than for the rates of pay of members of the~~  
19 ~~legislature. Such recommendations shall become effective at a~~  
20 ~~time established by the legislature after the transmission of~~  
21 ~~the recommendation of the governor~~ IN DEVELOPING  
22 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE RATES OF PAY, THE COMMISSION MAY REVIEW  
23 THE SALARIES OF THOSE POSITIONS IN OTHER STATES AND SIMILAR  
24 POSITIONS WITHIN THIS STATE, CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE COST OF  
25 LIVING IN THIS STATE AND NATIONALLY AND USE ANY OTHER  
26 REASONABLE METHODOLOGY AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS PROPER.

27 E. THE LEGISLATURE, BY LAW, MAY DIRECT THE COMMISSION  
28 ON THE FREQUENCY AND MANNER OF MEETINGS TO BE HELD, PROVIDE  
29 FOR TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND  
30 SPECIFY A DIFFERENT DATE FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF  
31 RECOMMENDATIONS.

32 F. THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1  
33 FOLLOWING THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS without aid  
34 of further legislative action unless, within such period of  
35 time, there has been enacted into law a statute ~~which~~ THAT  
36 establishes rates of pay other than those ~~proposed by the~~  
37 ~~governor~~ RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION, or unless ~~either house~~  
38 BOTH HOUSES of the legislature specifically ~~disapproves~~  
39 DISAPPROVE all or part of the ~~governor's~~ recommendation BY  
40 JOINT RESOLUTION. The recommendations of the ~~governor~~  
41 COMMISSION, unless disapproved or altered ~~within the time~~  
42 ~~provided by law, shall be effective; and any 1971~~  
43 ~~recommendations shall be effective as to all offices on the~~  
44 ~~first Monday in January of 1973~~ BY JUNE 30 OF THE FOLLOWING  
45 CALENDAR YEAR, SHALL BE EFFECTIVE. In case of either a  
46 legislative enactment or disapproval by ~~either house~~ JOINT  
47 RESOLUTION, the recommendations shall be effective only  
48 insofar as not altered or disapproved. ~~The recommendations of~~  
49 ~~the commission as to legislative salaries shall be certified~~

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

12 G. BEGINNING ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY OF 2027,  
13 THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THOSE HOLDING THE OFFICE OF STATE  
14 LEGISLATOR IS SIXTY PERCENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY.

15 Sec. 2. Conforming legislation

16 The legislative council staff shall prepare proposed legislation  
17 conforming the Arizona Revised Statutes to the provisions of this act for  
18 consideration in the fifty-eighth legislature, first regular session.

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

22 Amend title to conform

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