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Senator Kavanagh

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.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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.