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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Mahony**

H.J.R. 1018

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7 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

8 *"FOR A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ABOLISH PUBLIC*
9 *RELATIONS FUNDS AND TO RESTRICT THE REIMBURSEMENT OF OTHER*
10 *EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES; TO ESTABLISH NEW*
11 *SALARIES FOR THE OFFICES OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,*
12 *ATTORNEY GENERAL, SECRETARY OF STATE, TREASURER OF STATE,*
13 *COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS, AND AUDITOR OF STATE AND FOR*
14 *MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO PROHIBIT ANY SUCH*
15 *PUBLIC OFFICIALS FROM RECEIVING OTHER INCOME FOR SERVICE*
16 *AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, WHETHER IN THE FORM OF SALARY OR*
17 *EXPENSES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY*
18 *INCREASE THE SALARIES ANNUALLY BY NO MORE THAN THE AVERAGE*
19 *PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE FEDERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX*
20 *FOR THE TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE SALARY INCREASE; TO ALLOW*
21 *THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REFER ONE ADDITIONAL*
22 *CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CHANGE SALARIES; AND FOR OTHER*
23 *PURPOSES."*

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25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS
27 ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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29 That the following is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution
30 of the state of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the
31 state for approval or rejection at the next general election for
32 Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at
33 such election, adopt such amendment, the same shall become a part of the
34 Constitution of the state of Arkansas, to wit:

1 "SECTION 1. (a) No official of the Executive Department shall be
2 reimbursed by the State of Arkansas for any expenses except those reasonably
3 connected to their official duties and only if such reimbursement is made for
4 documented expenses actually incurred and from the regular budget appropriated
5 for the official's office. Such restrictions on expense reimbursement are of
6 a general application and also are intended specifically to prohibit the
7 appropriation and use of public relations funds. The annual salaries of the
8 Executive Department, which shall be paid in monthly installments, shall be as
9 follows: the Governor, the sum of \$60,000; the Lieutenant Governor, the sum
10 of \$29,000; the Secretary of State, the sum of \$37,500; the Treasurer of
11 State, the sum of \$37,000; the Attorney General, the sum of \$50,000; the
12 Commissioner of State Lands, the sum of \$37,500; and the Auditor of State, the
13 sum of \$37,500. Except as provided herein, such officials of the Executive
14 Department shall not receive any other income from the State of Arkansas,
15 whether in the form of salaries or expenses.

16 (b) The members of the General Assembly shall receive as their annual
17 salary the sum of \$12,500, except the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and
18 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall each receive the sum of
19 \$14,000 annually, with such salaries to be payable in equal monthly
20 installments. Except as provided herein, no member of the General Assembly
21 shall receive any other income for service in the General Assembly, whether in
22 the form of salaries or expenses, including, but not limited to, public
23 relations funds. Provided further, that no member of the General Assembly
24 shall be entitled to per diem unless authorized by law, or to reimbursement
25 for expenses or mileage unless authorized by law, documented, and reasonably
26 related to their official duties.

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28 SECTION 2. In addition to the three amendments to the Constitution
29 allowed pursuant to Article 19 § 22, either branch of the General Assembly at
30 a regular session thereof may propose an amendment to the Constitution to
31 change the salaries for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
32 General, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Commissioner of State Lands,
33 and Auditor of State and for members of the General Assembly. If the same be
34 agreed to by a majority of all members elected to each house, such proposed
35 amendment shall be entered on the journals with the yeas and nays, and
36 published in at least one newspaper in each county, where a newspaper is

1 published, for six months immediately preceding the next general election for
2 Senators and Representatives, at which time the same shall be submitted to the
3 electors of the State for approval or rejection. If a majority of the
4 electors voting at such election adopt the amendment the same shall become a
5 part of this Constitution. Only one amendment to the Constitution may be
6 referred pursuant to this section.

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8 SECTION 3. The salaries of the Executive Department officials and
9 members of the General Assembly provided for in Section 1 or 2 of this
10 amendment or adjusted pursuant to this section may be increased annually
11 through subsequent appropriations by the General Assembly by an amount not to
12 exceed the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All
13 Urban Consumers or its successor, as published by the United States Department
14 of Labor, for the two years immediately preceding the year of the salary
15 appropriation.

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17 SECTION 4. The provisions of this amendment shall be effective on
18 January 1, 1993.

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20 SECTION 5. Section 2 and Section 3 of Amendment 56 to the Arkansas
21 Constitution are hereby repealed.

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23 SECTION 6. All constitutional provisions and laws or parts of laws in
24 conflict with this amendment are hereby repealed.

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26 SECTION 7. The popular name of this resolution shall be as follows:
27 'An Amendment to Prohibit Public Relations Funds For State Executive and
28 Legislative Officials and To Govern Compensation and Expense Reimbursement For
29 Such Officials.'

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31 SECTION 8. The ballot title of this resolution shall be as follows:
32 'An amendment to the Constitution of Arkansas providing that officials
33 of the Executive Department shall not receive reimbursement from the State for
34 expenses except those reasonably connected to their official duties and only
35 if reimbursement is made for documented expenses actually incurred and from

1 the regular budget appropriated for the official's office; applying such
2 restrictions generally, and specifically to prohibit the appropriation and use
3 of public relations funds; setting the following annual salaries for executive
4 officials: Governor, \$60,000, Lieutenant Governor, \$29,000, Secretary of
5 State, \$37,500, Treasurer of State, \$37,500, Attorney General, \$50,000,
6 Commissioner of State Lands, \$37,500, and Auditor of State, \$37,500; except as
7 provided, prohibiting such officials from receiving other income from the
8 State, whether in the form of salaries or expenses;

9 Providing an annual salary of \$12,500 for members of the General
10 Assembly, except the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of
11 the House of Representatives, who shall receive \$14,000; except as provided,
12 prohibiting such officials from receiving other income for service in the
13 General Assembly, whether in the form of salaries or expenses, including, but
14 not limited to, public relations funds; providing that such officials shall
15 not be entitled to per diem unless authorized by law or to reimbursement for
16 expenses and mileage unless authorized by law, documented, and reasonably
17 related to their official duties;

18 Allowing the General Assembly to refer one additional constitutional
19 amendment at a regular session of the General Assembly to change the salaries
20 for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary
21 of State, Treasurer of State, Commissioner of State Lands, and Auditor of
22 State and for members of the General Assembly;

23 Providing the salaries set forth in the amendment or subsequent
24 amendments may be increased annually by General Assembly appropriations by an
25 amount not to exceed the average percentage increase in the federal Consumer
26 Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the two years immediately preceding
27 the year of the salary appropriation;

28 Making the provisions of the amendment effective on January 1, 1993;
29 repealing constitutional provisions and laws or parts of laws in conflict with
30 the amendment; and for other purposes."

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/s/ J. Mahony

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