

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

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7 **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

8 *"FOR A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ABOLISH PUBLIC*
9 *RELATIONS FUNDS FOR THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,*
10 *ATTORNEY GENERAL, SECRETARY OF STATE, COMMISSIONER OF*
11 *STATE LANDS, TREASURER OF STATE, AND AUDITOR OF STATE AND*
12 *TO RESTRICT THE REIMBURSEMENT OF OTHER EXECUTIVE AND*
13 *LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES; TO PROHIBIT OFFICERS OF THE*
14 *EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT FROM RECEIVING CERTAIN OTHER*
15 *REMUNERATION FOR SERVICE AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, WHETHER IN*
16 *THE FORM OF SALARY OR OTHER EXPENSES; AND TO ESTABLISH THE*
17 *ARKANSAS COMPENSATION COMMISSION TO PRESCRIBE A METHOD FOR*
18 *DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE*
19 *OFFICERS OF THE STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."*

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

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25 THAT the following is hereby proposed as an amendment to the
26 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the
27 electors of the State for approval or rejection at the next general election
28 for Senators and Representatives if a majority of the electors voting thereon
29 at such election, adopt such amendment, the same shall become a part of the
30 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

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32 *"SECTION 1. (a) No official of the Executive Department shall be*
33 *reimbursed by the State of Arkansas for any expenses except those reasonably*
34 *connected to their official duties and only if such reimbursement is made for*
35 *documented expenses actually incurred and from the regular budget appropriated*

1 for the official's office. Such restrictions on expense reimbursement are of
2 a general application and also are intended specifically to prohibit the
3 appropriation and use of public relations funds.

4 (b) Except as provided herein, no member of the General Assembly shall
5 receive other income for service in the General Assembly, whether in the form
6 of salaries or expenses, including, but not limited to, public relations
7 funds. Provided further, no member of the General Assembly shall be entitled
8 to per diem unless authorized by law, or to reimbursement for expenses or
9 mileage unless authorized by law, documented, and reasonably related to his or
10 her official duties.

11 (c) The Arkansas Compensation Commission is hereby established. The
12 Arkansas Compensation Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and
13 consist of one (1) person from each congressional district of the State and
14 one (1) person serving from the State at-large. No person in an elective
15 office of the executive or legislative branch shall be a commissioner. The
16 Commission shall submit recommendations to the General Assembly on the
17 salaries of officers of the Executive Department and the members of the
18 General Assembly. The General Assembly shall authorize payment of such
19 compensation; provided it may approve, disapprove, or reduce the
20 recommendations, but in no event exceed them. Changes in compensation shall
21 take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year following the regular sixty-
22 day session of the General Assembly acting upon such recommendations.
23 Salaries may be increased but not diminished during the term for which such
24 officers are elected. The General Assembly shall implement this section by
25 law.

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27 SECTION 2. The provisions of this amendment shall be effective on
28 January 1, 1993.

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30 SECTION 3. Section 2 and Section 3 of Amendment 56 to the Arkansas
31 Constitution and all other constitutional provisions and laws or parts of laws
32 in conflict with this amendment are hereby repealed."

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34 /s/Hopkins

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