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2	89th General Assembly
3	Regular Session, 2013HJR 1009
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5	By: Representative Sabin
6	By: Senator J. Woods
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8	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
9	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING ELECTED
10	STATE OFFICIALS; PROHIBITING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL
11	ASSEMBLY AND ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS FROM
12	ACCEPTING GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS; PROHIBITING MEMBERS
13	OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN
14	SALARIES; ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS
15	COMMISSION TO SET SALARIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL
16	ASSEMBLY, ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, AND
17	JUDGES; PROHIBITING CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO
18	CAMPAIGNS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE; PROHIBITING A MEMBER OF
19	THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM REGISTERING AS A LOBBYIST
20	UNTIL TWO (2) YEARS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF HIS OR
21	HER TERM; AND ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF
22	THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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25	Subtitle
26	THE ARKANSAS ELECTED OFFICIALS ETHICS,
27	TRANSPARENCY, AND FINANCIAL REFORM
28	AMENDMENT OF 2014.
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31	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL
32	ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL
33	MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:
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35	THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
36	the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state



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1	for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives
2	and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
3	adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
4	the State of Arkansas, to wit:
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6	SECTION 1. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as "The
7	Arkansas Elected Officials Ethics, Transparency, and Financial Reform
8	Amendment of 2014."
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10	SECTION 2. Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution is amended to add
11	additional sections to read as follows:
12	<u>§ 28. Campaign contributions.</u>
13	(a)(1) It is unlawful for a candidate for public office or a person
14	acting on the candidate's behalf to:
15	(A) Accept a campaign contribution from other than:
16	<u>(i) An individual;</u>
17	(ii) A political party that meets the definition of
18	<u>a political party under Arkansas law;</u>
19	(iii) A political party that meets the petition
20	requirements for new political parties;
21	(iv) A county political party committee;
22	(v) A legislative caucus committee; or
23	(vi) An approved political action committee; or
24	(B) Accept a campaign contribution in excess of the
25	maximum amount allowed by law per election from:
26	<u>(i) An individual;</u>
27	(ii) A political party that meets the definition of
28	<u>a political party under Arkansas law;</u>
29	(iii) A political party that meets the petition
30	requirements for new political parties;
31	(iv) A county political party committee;
32	(v) A legislative caucus committee; or
33	(vi) An approved political action committee.
34	(2) A candidate may accept a campaign contribution or
35	contributions up to the maximum amount allowed by law from a prospective
36	contributor for each election, whether opposed or unopposed.

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1	(b)(1) It is unlawful for an individual, a political party that meets
2	the definition of a political party under Arkansas law, a political party
3	that meets the petition requirements for new political parties, a county
4	political party committee, a legislative caucus committee, or an approved
5	political action committee to make a contribution to a candidate for public
6	office, or to a person acting on the candidate's behalf, that in the
7	aggregate exceeds the maximum amount allowed by law.
8	(2) The following entities may make a contribution or
9	contributions up to the maximum amount allowed by law to a candidate, whether
10	opposed or unopposed, for each election:
11	(A) An individual;
12	(B) A political party that meets the definition of a
13	political party under Arkansas law;
14	(C) A political party that meets the petition requirements
15	for new political parties;
16	(D) A county political party;
17	(E) A legislative caucus committee; or
18	(F) An approved political action committee.
19	(c) A person knowingly violating this section is guilty of a Class B
20	misdemeanor.
21	(d) The General Assembly, in the same manner as required for amendment
22	of laws initiated by the people, may amend this section so long as such
23	amendments are germane to this section and consistent with its policy and
24	purposes.
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27	<u>§ 29. Registration as a lobbyist by former member of the General</u>
28	Assembly.
29	(a) A former member of the General Assembly shall not be eligible to
30	be registered as a lobbyist until two (2) years after the expiration of the
31	term of office for which he or she was elected.
32	(b) Subsection (a) of this section applies to all persons elected or
33	reelected to the General Assembly on or after November 4, 2014.
34	(c) The General Assembly, in the same manner as required for amendment
35	of laws initiated by the people, may amend this section so long as such
36	amendments are germane to this section and consistent with its policy and

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3	<u>§ 30. Gifts from lobbyists.</u>
4	(a) Persons elected to the following offices shall not knowingly or
5	willfully solicit or accept a gift from a lobbyist, a person acting on behalf
6	of a lobbyist, or a person employing a lobbyist:
7	(1) Governor;
8	(2) Lieutenant Governor;
9	(3) Secretary of State;
10	(4) Treasurer of State;
11	(5) Auditor of State;
12	(6) Attorney General;
13	(7) Commissioner of State Lands; and
14	(8) Member of the General Assembly.
15	(b) As used in this section:
16	(1)(A) "Gift" means any payment, entertainment, advance,
17	services, or anything of value unless consideration of equal or greater value
18	has been given therefor.
19	(B) "Gift" does not include:
20	(i)(a) Informational material such as books,
21	reports, pamphlets, calendars, or periodicals informing a person elected to
22	an office under subsection (a) of this section regarding his or her official
23	<u>duties.</u>
24	(b) Payments for travel or reimbursement for
25	any expenses are not informational material;
26	(ii) Gifts that are not used and which, within
27	thirty (30) days after receipt, are returned to the donor;
28	(iii) Gifts from the spouse, child, parent,
29	grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law,
30	<u>sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin of a person</u>
31	elected to an office under subsection (a) of this section, or the spouse of
32	any of these persons, unless the person is acting as an agent or intermediary
33	for any person not covered by this subdivision (b)(1)(B)(iii);
34	(iv) Anything of value that is readily available to
35	the general public;
36	(v) Food or drink available at a planned activity to

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1	which a specific governmental body or identifiable group of public servants
2	is invited;
3	(vi) Payments by regional or national organizations
4	for travel to regional or national conferences at which the State of Arkansas
5	is requested to be represented by a person or persons elected to an office
6	under subsection (a) of this section;
7	(vii) Campaign contributions; and
8	(viii) Any devise or inheritance;
9	(2) "Lobbying" means communicating directly or soliciting others
10	to communicate with a person elected to an office under subsection (a) of
11	this section with the purpose of influencing governmental action or
12	legislative action; and
13	(3) "Lobbyist" means a person who:
14	(A) Receives income or reimbursement in a combined amount
15	of four hundred dollars (\$400) or more in a calendar quarter for lobbying a
16	person elected to an office under subsection (a) of this section;
17	<u>(B) Expends four hundred dollars (\$400) or more in a</u>
18	calendar quarter for lobbying one (1) or more persons elected to an office
19	under subsection (a) of this section, excluding the cost of personal travel,
20	<u>lodging, meals, or dues; or</u>
21	<u>(C) Expends four hundred dollars (\$400) or more in a</u>
22	calendar quarter, including postage, for the express purpose of soliciting
23	others to communicate with a person elected to an office under subsection (a)
24	of this section to influence any governmental action or legislative action
25	unless the communication has been filed with the Secretary of State or the
26	communication has been published in the news media. If the communication is
27	filed with the Secretary of State, the filing shall include the approximate
28	number of recipients.
29	(c) The General Assembly, in the same manner as required for
30	amendment of laws initiated by the people, may amend this section, so long as
31	such amendments are germane to this section and consistent with its policy
32	and purposes.
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34	<u>§ 31. Citizens commission.</u>
35	(a) Members of the General Assembly shall have no authority to set
36	salaries for their positions.

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1	(b)(1) There is created an independent citizens commission for the
2	purposes of setting salaries of elected officials of the executive
3	department, members of the General Assembly, and judges as provided in this
4	section.
5	(2) Each member of the citizens commission shall serve a term of
6	four (4) years.
7	(3) The citizens commission shall consist of seven (7) members
8	<u>as follows:</u>
9	(A) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor;
10	(B) Two (2) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore
11	<u>of the Senate;</u>
12	(C) Two (2) members appointed by the Speaker of the House
13	of Representatives; and
14	(D) One (1) member appointed by the Chief Justice of the
15	Supreme Court.
16	(4) Vacancies on the commission shall be filled in the manner of
17	the original appointment.
18	(c)(1) In making appointments to the commission, the Governor, the
19	President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
20	Representatives, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall consider
21	racial, gender, and geographical diversity.
22	(2) A member of the commission shall be:
23	(A) A citizen of the United States;
24	(B) A resident of the State of Arkansas for at least two
25	(2) years preceding his or her appointment;
26	(C) A qualified elector; and
27	(D) At least twenty-five (25) years of age.
28	(3) The following persons shall not serve on the citizens
29	<u>commission:</u>
30	(A) A person holding civil office;
31	(B) A public employee;
32	(C) A person required by law to register as a lobbyist; or
33	(D)(i) An immediate family member of a:
34	(a) Person holding civil office;
35	(b) Public employee; or
36	<u>(c) Person required by law to register as a</u>

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1	<u>lobbyist.</u>
2	(ii) As used in subdivision (c)(3)(D)(i) of this
3	section, "immediate family member" means a person's spouse, a child of the
4	person or spouse, a child's spouse, a parent of the person or the spouse, a
5	brother or sister of the person or the spouse, anyone living or residing in
6	the same residence or household with the person or the spouse, or anyone
7	acting or serving as an agent of the person.
8	(d) The citizens commission shall have the duty to review and adjust
9	as necessary the salaries for the following positions:
10	(1) Governor;
11	(2) Lieutenant Governor;
12	(3) Attorney General;
13	(4) Secretary of State;
14	(5) Treasurer of State;
15	(6) Auditor of State;
16	(7) Commissioner of State Lands;
17	(8) Member of the General Assembly;
18	(9) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
19	(10) Justice of the Supreme Court;
20	(11) Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals;
21	(12) Judge of the Court of Appeals;
22	(13) Circuit court judge; and
23	(14) District court judge.
24	(e)(1) The salaries of the positions under subsection (d) of this
25	<u>section:</u>
26	(A) Shall not be subject to appropriation by the General
27	Assembly; and
28	(B) Shall be paid from the Constitutional Officers Fund or
29	its successor fund or fund accounts in the amount determined by the
30	commission.
31	(2) If the commission elects to adjust a salary for a position
32	under subsection (d) of this section, the citizens commission shall file the
33	adjusted salary with the Treasurer of State.
34	(3) An adjustment to a salary shall be effective thirty (30)
35	days after it is filed with the Treasurer of State.
36	(f)(l) The citizens commission, by a majority vote of the total

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1	membership of the commission cast during its first regularly scheduled
2	meeting of each calendar year, may authorize payment to its members of a
3	stipend not to exceed eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) per day for each meeting
4	attended or for any day while performing any proper business of the
5	commission.
6	(2) Members of the commission shall receive no other
7	compensation, expense reimbursement, or in-lieu-of payments.
8	(g)(l) The commission shall provide that the salaries of circuit
9	judges be uniform throughout the state.
10	(2)(A) Except as provided in this subdivision (g)(2), the
11	commission may increase or diminish the salaries for the positions under
12	subsection (d) of this section.
13	(B) The commission may increase, but not diminish, the
14	salaries for the positions under subdivisions (d)(9)-(14) of this section.
15	(2) The commission may increase, but not diminish, the salaries
16	for the positions under subdivisions (d)(9)-(14) of this section.
17	(h) Salaries for the positions under subsection (d) of this section
18	shall continue as existing on the effective date of this section until
19	adjusted by the commission.
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20	(i)(l) Initial members of the commission shall be appointed within
20 21	(i)(l) Initial members of the commission shall be appointed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this section.
21	thirty (30) days of the effective date of this section.
21 22	thirty (30) days of the effective date of this section. (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall call the first
21 22 23	<u>thirty (30) days of the effective date of this section.</u> (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall call the first meeting of the commission, which shall occur within forty-five (45) days of
21 22 23 24	<u>thirty (30) days of the effective date of this section.</u> <u>(2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall call the first</u> <u>meeting of the commission, which shall occur within forty-five (45) days of</u> <u>the effective date of this section.</u>
21 22 23 24 25	thirty (30) days of the effective date of this section. (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall call the first meeting of the commission, which shall occur within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this section. (3) After the initial appointments are completed, the commission
21 22 23 24 25 26	thirty (30) days of the effective date of this section. (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall call the first meeting of the commission, which shall occur within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this section. (3) After the initial appointments are completed, the commission shall review the salaries for the positions under subsection (d) of this
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21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	thirty (30) days of the effective date of this section. (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall call the first meeting of the commission, which shall occur within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this section. (3) After the initial appointments are completed, the commission shall review the salaries for the positions under subsection (d) of this section no later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this section and shall file any adjustments in salary with the Treasurer of State.
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21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	thirty (30) days of the effective date of this section. (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall call the first meeting of the commission, which shall occur within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this section. (3) After the initial appointments are completed, the commission shall review the salaries for the positions under subsection (d) of this section no later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this section and shall file any adjustments in salary with the Treasurer of State. (4)(A) After completing the review under subdivision (i)(3) of this section, the commission shall meet as necessary to review the salaries of the positions under subsection (d) of this section. (B) The commission may adjust the salaries of the
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3	SECTION 3. Section 2 of Amendment 73 of the Arkansas Constitution is
4	amended to read as follows:
5	§ 2. Legislative Branch.
6	(a) The Arkansas House of Representatives shall consist of members to
7	be chosen every second year by the qualified electors of the several
8	counties. No member of the Arkansas House of Representatives may serve more
9	than three such two year terms.
10	(b) The Arkansas Senate shall consist of members to be chosen every
11	four years by the qualified electors of the several districts. No member of
12	the Arkansas Senate may serve more than two such four year terms.
13	(c)(1) A member of the General Assembly shall serve no more than
14	sixteen (16) years, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive.
15	(2) A member who completes his or her sixteenth year of service
16	during a term of office for which he or she has been elected may serve until
17	the completion of that term of office.
18	(3) The years of service in both the Senate and the House of
19	Representatives shall be added together and included to determine the total
20	number of years in office.
21	(4) A partial legislative term served as a result of a special
22	election under Article 5, § 6, or a two-year term served as a result of
23	apportionment of the Senate shall not be included in calculating the total
24	number of years served by a member of the General Assembly.
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26	SECTION 4. Section 16 of Article 5 of the Arkansas Constitution is
27	repealed.
28	§ 16. Per diem and mileage of General Assembly.
29	Each member of the General Assembly shall receive six dollars per day
30	for his services during the first sixty days of any regular session of the
31	General Assembly, and if any regular session shall be extended, such member
32	shall serve without further per diem. Each member of the General Assembly
33	shall also receive ten cents per mile for each mile traveled in going to and
34	returning from the seat of government, over the most direct and practicable
35	route. When convened in extraordinary session by the Governor, they shall
36	each receive three dollars per day for their services during the first

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1 fifteen days, and if such extraordinary session shall extend beyond fifteen 2 days, they shall receive no further per diem. They shall be entitled to the 3 same mileage for any extraordinary session as herein provided for regular 4 sessions. The terms of all members of the General Assembly shall begin on the 5 day of their election, and they shall receive no compensation, perquisite or 6 allowance whatever, except as herein provided. 7 8 SECTION 5. Section 29 of Article 5 of the Arkansas Constitution is 9 amended to read as follows: 10 § 29. Appropriations. No Except as provided in Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, Section 31, 11 12 no money shall be drawn from the treasury except in pursuance of specific 13 appropriation made by law, the purpose of which shall be distinctly stated in 14 the bill, and the maximum amount which may be drawn shall be specified in 15 dollars and cents; and no appropriations made by the General Assembly after December 31, 2008, shall be for a longer period than one (1) fiscal year. 16 17 18 SECTION 6. Section 30 of Article 5 to the Arkansas Constitution is 19 amended to read as follows: 20 § 30. General and special appropriations. 21 The Except as provided in Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, Section 22 31, the general appropriation bill shall embrace nothing but appropriations 23 for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial 24 departments of the State; all other appropriations shall be made by separate 25 bills, each embracing but one subject. 26 27 SECTION 7. Section 4 of Article 16 to the Arkansas Constitution is 28 amended to read as follows: 29 § 4. Salaries and fees of state officers. The Except as provided in Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, Section 30 31 31, the General Assembly shall fix the salaries and fees of all officers in 32 the State; and no greater salary or fee than that fixed by law shall be paid to any officer, employee, or other person, or at any rate other than par 33 value; and the number and salaries of the clerks and employees of the 34 35 different departments of the State shall be fixed by law. 36

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1	SECTION 8. Section 12 of Article 16 of the Arkansas Constitution is
2	amended to read as follows:
3	§ 12. Disbursement of funds - Appropriation required.
4	No Except as provided in Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, Section 31,
5	no money shall be paid out of the treasury until the same shall have been
6	appropriated by law; and then only in accordance with said appropriation.
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8	SECTION 9. Section 11 of Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution is
9	repealed.
10	§ 11. Salaries of state officers — Increase or decrease during term
11	prohibited — Fees.
12	The Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney-General,
13	Judges of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Circuit Court, Commissioner of
14	State Lands, and Prosecuting Attorneys, shall each receive a salary to be
15	established by law, which shall not be increased or diminished during their
16	respective terms, nor shall any of them, except the Prosecuting Attorneys,
17	after the adoption of this Constitution, receive to his own use any fees,
18	costs, perquisites of office, or other compensation; and all fees that may
19	hereafter by payable by law, for any service performed by any officer
20	mentioned in this section, except Prosecuting Attorneys, shall be paid in
21	advance into the State Treasury; Provided, That the salaries of the
22	respective officers herein mentioned shall never exceed per annum;
23	For Governor, the sum of \$4,000
24	For Secretary of State, the sum of \$2,500
25	For Treasurer of State, the sum of \$3,000
26	For Auditor of State, the sum of \$3,000
27	For Attorney-General, the sum of \$2,500
28	For Commissioner of State Lands, the sum of \$2,500
29	For the Judges of the Supreme Court, each, the sum of \$4,000
30	For Judges of the Circuit Courts, and Chancellors, each, the sum of \$3,000
31	For Prosecuting Attorneys, the sum of \$400
32	And provided further, That the General Assembly shall provide for no
33	increase of salaries of its members which shall take effect before the
34	meeting of the next General Assembly,
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36	SECTION 10. Section 6 of Amendment 6 to the Arkansas Constitution is

1	repealed.
2	§ 6. Salary of Licutenant Governor.
3	The Lieutenant Governor shall receive for his services an annual salary
4	of two thousand dollars, and shall not receive or be entitled to any other
5	compensation, fee or perquisite, for any duty or service he may be required
6	to perform by the Constitution or by law.
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8	SECTION 11. Section 2 of Amendment 9 to the Arkansas Constitution is
9	repealed.
10	§ 2. Compensation of judges.
11	The Supreme Court judges shall at stated times receive compensation for
12	their services to be fixed by law. When the salary of the judges under this
13	amendment to the Constitution shall have been established by law, such salary
14	shall not thereafter be increased or diminished during their respective
15	terms, Until otherwise provided by law, the judges of the Supreme Court shall
16	cach receive a salary of Seven thousand five hundred dollars per annum.
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18	SECTION 12. Amendment 15 to the Arkansas Constitution is repealed.
19	Salaries of state officials.
20	The annual salaries of the State and District Officers hereinafter
21	mentioned, which shall be paid in monthly installments, shall be as follows:
22	For Governor, the sum of \$6,000.00; for Secretary of State, the sum of
23	\$4,000.00; for Treasurer of the State, the sum of \$4,000.00; for Auditor of
24	the State, the sum of \$4,000.00; for Attorney General, the sum of \$5,000.00;
25	for Judge of the Circuit Courts and Chancellors, each, the sum of \$3,600.00.
26	The members of the General Assembly shall receive as their salary the
27	sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, except the Speaker of the House of
28	Representatives, who shall receive his salary of Eleven Hundred Dollars
29	(\$1,100.00), for each period of two (2) years; and in addition to such salary
30	the members of the general Assembly shall receive five cents per mile for
31	each mile traveled in going to and returning from the seat of government over
32	the most direct and practicable route, and provided further that when said
33	members are required to attend an extraordinary session of the General
34	Assembly they shall receive in addition to the salary herein provided the sum
35	of 6.00 per day for each day they are required to attend, and mileage at the
36	rate herein provided.

36 *rate herein provided.*

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2	SECTION 13. Amendment 43 to the Arkansas Constitution is repealed.
3	Salaries and expenses of judges.
4	The General Assembly shall by law determine the amount and method of
5	payment of salaries and expenses of the judges of the Supreme Court, Circuit
6	Courts, Chancery Courts, and Municipal Courts of Arkansas; provided such
7	salaries and expenses may be increased but not diminished during the term for
8	which such judges are elected; provided further that the salaries of Circuit
9	and Chancery Judges shall be uniform throughout the state.
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11	SECTION 14. Section 1 of Amendment 70 of the Arkansas Constitution is
12	amended to read as follows:
13	§ 1. Executive Department and General Assembly — Salaries —
14	Restrictions on reimbursements.
15	(a) No official of the Executive Department shall be reimbursed by the
16	State of Arkansas for any expenses except those reasonably connected to their
17	official duties and only if such reimbursement is made for documented
18	expenses actually incurred and from the regular budget appropriated for the
19	official's office. Such restrictions on expense reimbursement are of a
20	general application and also are intended specifically to prohibit the
21	appropriation and use of public relations funds. The annual salaries of the
22	Executive Department, which shall be paid in monthly installments, shall be
23	as follows: the Governor, the sum of \$60,000; the Lieutenant Governor, the
24	sum of \$29,000; the Secretary of State, the sum of \$37,500; the Treasurer of
25	State, the sum of \$37,000; the Attorney General, the sum of \$50,000; the
26	Commissioner of State Lands, the sum of \$37,500; and the Auditor of State,
27	the sum of \$37,500. Except as provided herein in this Constitution, such
28	officials of the Executive Department shall not receive any other income from
29	the State of Arkansas, whether in the form of salaries or expenses.
30	(b) The members of the General Assembly shall receive as their annual
31	salary the sum of \$12,500, except the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and
32	the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall each receive the sum
33	of \$14,000 annually, with such salaries to be payable in equal monthly
34	installments. Except as provided herein in this Constitution, no member of
35	the General Assembly shall receive any other income for service in the
36	General Assembly, whether in the form of salaries or expenses, including, but

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1	not limited to, public relations funds. Provided further, that no member of
2	the General Assembly shall be entitled to per diem unless authorized by law,
3	or to reimbursement for expenses or mileage unless authorized by law,
4	documented, and reasonably related to their official duties.
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6	SECTION 15. Section 3 of Amendment 70 to the Arkansas Constitution is
7	repealed.
8	§ 3. Salary adjustments.
9	The salaries of the Executive Department officials and members of the
10	General Assembly provided for in Section 1 or 2 of this amendment or adjusted
11	pursuant to this section may be increased annually through subsequent
12	appropriations by the General Assembly by an amount not to exceed the average
13	percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers or
14	its successor, as published by the United States Department of Labor, for the
15	two years immediately preceding the year of the salary appropriation.
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17	SECTION 16. Subsection 16(E) of Amendment 80 to the Arkansas
18	Constitution, concerning the salary and expenses of Justices and Judges, is
19	amended to read as follows:
20	(E) The General Assembly shall by law determine the amount and method
21	of payment <u>of expenses</u> of Justices and Judges. Such salaries and expenses may
22	be increased, but not diminished, during the term for which such Justices or
23	Judges are selected or elected. Salaries of Circuit Judges shall be uniform
24	throughout the state.
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26	SECTION 17. <u>Severability.</u>
27	In the event any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph,
28	subparagraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this amendment is
29	declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
30	adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this amendment, which
31	shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or
32	adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of this
33	<u>amendment.</u>
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35	SECTION 18. <u>Effective date.</u>
36	This amendment shall be effective on November 5, 2014.

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