

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001  
**Amendment Form**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Subtitle of Senate Joint Resolution No. 18**

"TO INCREASE SALARIES FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO RESTRICT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM RECEIVING THINGS OF VALUE."

\*\*\*\*\*

**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Joint Resolution No. 18.**

Amend Senate Joint Resolution No. 18 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 13 and 14 and substitute:

"MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM RECEIVING ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM A REGISTERED LOBBYIST OR REGISTERED LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL."

AND

Page 1, delete line 21 and substitute:

"ASSEMBLY FROM RECEIVING ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM A REGISTERED LOBBYIST OR REGISTERED LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL."

AND

Page 1, delete section 1 and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Section 1 of Amendment 70 to the Constitution of Arkansas is amended to read as follows:

§1. Executive Department and General Assembly - Salaries -  
Restrictions on reimbursements.

(a) No official of the Executive Department shall be reimbursed by the State of Arkansas for any expenses except those reasonably connected to their official duties and only if such reimbursement is made for documented expenses actually incurred and from the regular budget appropriated for the official's office. Such restrictions on expense reimbursement are of a general application and also are intended specifically to prohibit the appropriation and use of public relations funds. The annual salaries of the Executive Department, which shall be paid in monthly installments, shall be as follows: the Governor, the sum of ~~\$60,000~~ \$126,975; the Lieutenant Governor, the sum of ~~\$29,000~~ \$60,000; the Secretary of State, the sum of ~~\$37,500~~ \$85,000; the Treasurer of State, the sum of ~~\$37,000~~ \$75,000; the Attorney General, the sum of ~~\$50,000~~ \$109,871; the Commissioner of State Lands, the sum of ~~\$37,500~~ \$75,000; and the Auditor of State, the sum of

~~\$37,500~~ ~~\$75,000~~. Except as provided herein, such officials of the Executive Department shall not receive any other income from the State of Arkansas, whether in the form of salaries or expenses and shall not receive anything of value from any registered lobbyist or the registered lobbyist's principal.

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

(c) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Anything of value" does not mean:

(A) Educational, information, or promotional materials directly related to the elected official's responsibilities;

(B) A personalized plaque or certificate;

(C) An honorary degree from a public or private university or college;

(D) A campaign contribution properly received and reported;

(E) Food or beverages provided in return for participation in a bona fide panel, seminar or speaking engagement at which the audience is a recognized civic, social, or cultural organization or group;

(F) Food or beverages provided at a conference scheduled event that is part of the conference program;

(G) The furnishing of lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, any other thing of value, or any other thing of value which also is furnished on the same terms or at the same expense to a member of the general public without regard to status as an elected official; and

(H) Income received from a registered lobbyist or registered lobbyist's principal which is in the form of a salary or a retainer if the income is disclosed on the statement of financial interest form filed with the Secretary of State; and

(2)(A) "Principal" means the person on whose behalf and for whose benefit the registered lobbyist engages in lobbying and who directly employs, appoints, or retains a registered lobbyist to engage in lobbying.

(B)(i) "Principal" does not mean a person who merely belongs to an association or organization that employs a registered lobbyist, nor an employee, officer, or shareholder of a person who employs a registered lobbyist.

(ii) If a membership association or organization is a principal, the association or organization shall register and report as required by law.

(iii) A person is considered a principal only as to the public office or public body to which he has authorized a registered

Lobbyist to engage in lobbying.

(d) The General Assembly may implement legislation to establish penalties for non-compliance with this section."

**The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_**

**By: Senator Webb**

**MG/VJF - 031320011040**

**VVF178**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Secretary**