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By: Senator Wilson

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

FOR A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH THE
ARKANSAS COMPENSATION COMMISSION AND TO PRESCRIBE A METHOD
FOR DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE
AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS OF THE STATE.

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

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

"SECTION 1. (a) The Arkansas Compensation Commission is established and
shall consist of five members. One member shall be appointed by the President
Pro Tempore of the Senate; one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
House of Representatives; one member shall be appointed by the Chief Justice
of the Arkansas Supreme Court; one member shall be appointed by the Governor;
and one member shall be appointed by majority vote of the remaining six
elected constitutional officers of Arkansas, excluding the Governor. No
person in an elective office of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch
of state government shall be a commissioner. The commission shall submit
recommendations to the General Assembly on the salaries of elective officers
of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government and
of persons appointed to serve as magistrates or referees. The General
Assembly shall authorize payment of such compensation by the state of

Arkansas; provided, it may approve, or disapprove, or reduce the recommendations, but in no event exceed them. Changes in compensation shall take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year following the regular sixty-day session of the General Assembly acting upon such recommendations. Salaries may be increased but not diminished during the term for which such officers are elected. The General Assembly shall implement this section by law.

(b) Unless another salary is provided for by law pursuant to this section, the annual salaries of the officers of the executive department, which shall be paid in semi-monthly installments, shall be as follows: the Governor, the sum of \$45,000; the Lieutenant Governor, the sum of \$20,000; the Secretary of State, the sum of \$30,000; the Treasurer of the State, the sum of \$30,000; the Auditor of State, the sum of \$30,000; the Attorney General, the sum of \$35,000; and the Commissioner of State Lands, the sum of \$30,000.

(c) Unless another salary is provided for by law pursuant to this section, the members of the General Assembly shall receive as their annual salary the sum of \$10,000, except the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall each receive the sum of \$12,500 annually, with such salaries to be payable in equal monthly installments. Provided, that no member of the General Assembly shall be entitled to per diem, reimbursement for documented expenses and mileage unless authorized, and within limitations, as provided by law.

SECTION 2. Section 2 and 3 of Amendment 56 to the Constitution of the state of Arkansas and all constitutional provisions and laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed."