HJR 55 -- COMPENSATION AND DISCIPLINE OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Beginning January 1, 2007, this proposed constitutional amendment prohibits, upon voter approval, public officials from receiving any state pension if they are convicted of felonies while serving in office, removed from office for misconduct, or impeached.

The amendment requires a two-thirds majority vote by the General Assembly in order to veto the compensation schedule recommended by the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials. The requirement that the compensation schedule be subject to appropriations by the General Assembly is repealed. No compensation schedule approved by the commission will apply to members of the General Assembly until January 1, 2009.