

House Concurrent Resolution No. 13

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1570L.011

AN ACT

Disapproving the amount of increase in compensation for public officials as recommended by the Missouri Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Whereas, the voters of Missouri approved a constitutional amendment in 1994 which
2 created a commission charged with setting the amount of compensation paid to statewide elected
3 officials, legislators and judges; and
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Whereas, Article XIII, Section 3 of the Missouri Constitution charges the Missouri
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6 Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials with setting the amounts of compensation
7 paid to statewide elected officials, legislators, and judges; and
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Whereas, the Constitution provides the Commission with a four-month window prior to
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10 its constitutional deadline for making salary recommendations to hold public hearings around the state
11 to gather testimony related to salaries for affected state officials and to carefully consider whether pay
12 increases are warranted; and
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Whereas, in 2006, the Commission did not begin work until eleven days before its
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15 December 1, 2006, deadline for submitting a report containing salary recommendations; and
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Whereas, as few as six members of the twenty-two member Commission attended the
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18 public hearings at which testimony on salaries for affected officials was given; and
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20 **Whereas**, the Commission recommended pay increases for state judges and statewide
21 elected officials effective July 1, 2007, and pay increases for legislators effective January 1, 2009; and
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23 **Whereas**, Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials attempted to
24 compile a fiscally prudent and responsible compensation schedule that would allow for modest,
25 reasonable increases for all persons affected; and
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27 **Whereas**, the Commission believes that the recommendation accomplishes the twin goals
28 of making the commission function again and rectifying the currently dysfunctional pay system for
29 legislators, statewide elected officials, and judges; and
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31 **Whereas**, when considered as an annual percentage over the years that have passed since
32 any of these officials last received any increase, this report's recommended increases amount to less than
33 a 1% increase per year for all offices; and
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35 **Whereas**, the recommendation establishes a system for consistent future increases in the
36 same manner as other State of Missouri employees; and
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38 **Whereas**, the Commission's recommendations shall take effect unless disapproved by the
39 General Assembly through a concurrent resolution process passed by two-thirds majorities in each
40 legislative chamber before February 1, 2007:
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42 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the members of the House of Representatives
43 of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, that the
44 recommendations of the Missouri Citizen's Commission on Compensation of Elected Officials be
45 disapproved.