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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: LIMIT STATE OFFICERS' PAY RAISES TO INFLATION

House Joint Resolution D Sponsor: Rep. Doug Spade Committee: House Oversight and Operations

Complete to 2-2-01

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION D AS INTRODUCED 1-31-01

Currently, under Article IV, Section 13 of the state constitution, the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC) determines the salaries and expense allowances of the members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the justices of the state supreme court. Unless the legislature adopts, by a two-thirds majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, a concurrent resolution rejecting the salaries and expense allowances proposed by the SOCC, the salaries and expense allowances are implemented.

The joint resolution would place before the voters at the next general election, an amendment to Article IV, Section 13 of the constitution that would limit the SOCC's proposed salary and expense allowance increase to no more than the change in the consumer price index for the United States as defined and officially reported by the United States Department of Labor (or its successor agency) in the immediately preceding two calendar years.

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