



**House
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**SOCC DETERMINATION; COLA
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**House Joint Resolution M
Sponsor: Rep. Mickey Mortimer
Committee: House Oversight and
Operations**

Complete to 3-5-01

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION M AS INTRODUCED 2-27-01

Currently, under Article IV, Section 12 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.

House Joint Resolution M would amend the state constitution to specify that the salary and expense determinations of the commission could not increase existing salaries and expense allowances by more than the change in the Consumer Price Index for the immediately preceding two years.

If adopted by the legislature, the constitutional amendment would be submitted to a vote of the electorate at the next general election.

House Joint Resolution M (3-5-01)

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