



**House  
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Analysis  
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**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:  
REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE VOTE TO  
APPROVE STATE OFFICER  
SALARY INCREASES**

**House Joint Resolution E  
Sponsor: Rep. Clark Bisbee  
Committee: House Oversight and  
Operations**

**Complete to 2-13-01**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION E 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 a proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 13 of the state constitution that would require a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature to vote to approve any salary and expense allowance increase proposed by the SOCC, and would delay implementation of any approved increases until the legislative session immediately following the next general election. In addition, the joint resolution would continue the current requirement that the SOCC meet every two years for no more than 15 session days "except as otherwise provided by the legislature."

House Joint Resolution E (2-13-01)

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