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Whereas, the voters of Missouri approved a constitutional amendment in 1994 which created a commission charged with setting the amount of compensation paid to statewide elected officials, legislators and judges; and

Whereas, prior to the approval of this amendment, the General Assembly had the duty and responsibility of setting salaries; and

Whereas, the Missouri Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials has recommended that salaries be increased for certain judges and has recommended cost-of-living salary increases for judges, state-wide elected officials and legislators; and

Whereas, the recommended cost-of-living increases are five and one-half percent for each of the next two years, at a time when the average annual inflation is less than three and one-half percent; and

Whereas, the recommended increases are substantially higher than the Governor's expected recommendation of a two percent cost-of-living adjustment for state employees; and

Whereas, the changes recommended by the Missouri Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials will take effect on July 1, 2001, unless disapproved by the General Assembly; and

Whereas, the General Assembly may disapprove of the recommendation by a concurrent resolution approved by both the Senate and the House before February 1, 2001:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Missouri House of Representatives of the First Regular Session of the Ninety-first General Assembly, the Senate concurring therein, that the recommendations of the Missouri Citizen's Commission on the Compensation of Elected Officials be disapproved; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Governor Bob Holden.