

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 4

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARNES.

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### AN ACT

Relating to disapproving the recommendations of the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials.

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

2       **WHEREAS**, Article XIII, Section 3 of the Missouri Constitution charges the Missouri  
3 Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials with setting the amounts of  
4 compensation paid to statewide elected officials, legislators, and judges; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the Constitution provides the Commission with a four-month window prior  
6 to its constitutional deadline for making salary recommendations to hold public hearings around  
7 the state to gather testimony related to salaries for affected state officials and to carefully  
8 consider whether pay increases are warranted; and

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10       **WHEREAS**, the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials  
11 has recommended that the compensation for statewide elected officials be increased by eight or  
12 ten percent over fiscal years 2016 and 2017, representing salary increases between \$9,000 to over  
13 \$22,000 per year; and

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15       **WHEREAS**, the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials  
16 has also recommended that the compensation for members of the General Assembly be increased  
17 by eleven percent over fiscal years 2016 and 2017, representing a salary increase of \$4,000 per  
18 year; and

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20       **WHEREAS**, the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials  
21 recommended that daily expense compensation be raised by \$26 a day and that mileage  
22 reimbursement be raised by \$0.19 per mile; and

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24       **WHEREAS**, the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials  
25 recommended no increases in compensation for judges over fiscal years 2016 and 2017; and  
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27           **WHEREAS**, the state has many other priorities for appropriating money in the budget  
28 that are far more important than the salary increases recommended by the Commission; and  
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30           **WHEREAS**, the Commission’s recommendations shall take effect unless disapproved  
31 by the General Assembly through a concurrent resolution process passed by two-thirds majorities  
32 in each legislative chamber before February 1, 2015:  
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34           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
35 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
36 concurring therein, hereby disapprove the recommendations of the Missouri Citizens’  
37 Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials contained in its report of November 2014;  
38 and  
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40           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his  
41 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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