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2022 SESSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **13**

RELATING TO: legislator compensation.

PROVIDING THAT: compensation for elected members of the general court shall be amended.

SPONSORS: Rep. Deshaies, Carr. 6; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 22

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution reduces the amount of pay for all members of the legislature to \$0.02 each term and the amount of pay for members of the legislature during a special session to \$0.01 per day.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: compensation for elected members of the general court shall be amended

PROVIDING THAT: legislator compensation

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

1 I. That article 15 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

2 [Art.] 15. [Compensation of the Legislature.] The presiding officers of both houses of the
3 legislature, shall severally receive out of the state treasury as compensation in full for their services
4 for the term elected the sum of [~~\$250~~]**\$0.02**, and all other members thereof, seasonably attending
5 and not departing without license, the sum of [~~\$200~~]**\$0.02** and each member shall receive mileage for
6 actual daily attendance on legislative days, but not after the legislature shall have been in session
7 for 45 legislative days or after the first day of July following the annual assembly of the legislature,
8 whichever occurs first; provided, however, that, when a special session shall be called by the
9 governor or by a 2/3 vote of the then qualified members of each branch of the general court, such
10 officers and members shall receive for attendance an additional compensation of [~~\$3~~]**\$0.01** per day
11 for a period not exceeding 15 days and the usual mileage. Nothing herein shall prevent the payment
12 of additional mileage to members attending committee meetings or on other legislative business on
13 nonlegislative days.

14 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
15 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2022.

16 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
17 insert in their warrants for the said 2022 election an article to the following effect: To decide
18 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2022 session of the general court shall
19 be approved.

20 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

21 "Are you in favor of amending article 15 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows:

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6 nonlegislative days.”

7 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or
8 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall
9 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no cross is made in
10 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall
11 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional
12 Amendments proposed by the 2022 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the
13 ballot.

14 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
15 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

16 VII. Voters' Guide.

17 AT THE PRESENT TIME, the constitution instructs legislators to be paid \$200 per
18 biennium and \$3 per day of a special session, and presiding officers of both houses of the legislature
19 to be paid \$250 per biennium and \$3 per day of a special session.

20 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, all legislators, including presiding officers of
21 both houses of the legislature, would be paid \$0.02 per biennium and \$0.01 per day of a special
22 session.