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2026 SESSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **22**

RELATING TO: the compensation of the legislature.

PROVIDING THAT: the present compensation per elected term for legislators is hereby abolished.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wheeler, Hills. 33; Rep. Leishman, Hills. 33; Rep. DeSimone, Rock. 18;
Rep. D. Kelley, Hills. 32; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 13; Rep. Sytek, Rock. 25; Rep.
Potenza, Straf. 19; Rep. Petrigno, Hills. 43

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution amends the constitution to delete the legislative compensation amount per elected term for presiding officers and all other members of the general court.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type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-Six

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: the compensation of the legislature.

PROVIDING THAT: the present compensation per elected term for legislators is hereby abolished.

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,~~ and all other members thereof, seasonably attending and not
5 departing without license~~[, the sum of \$200 and each member]~~ shall receive mileage for actual daily
6 attendance on legislative days, but not after the legislature shall have been in session for 45
7 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 per day for a
11 period not exceeding 15 days and the usual mileage. Nothing herein shall prevent the payment of
12 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, 2026.

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 2026 election an article to the following effect: To decide
18 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2026 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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25 shall have been in session for 45 legislative days or after the first day of July following the annual
26 assembly of the legislature, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that, when a special session
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1 \$3 per day for a period not exceeding 15 days and the usual mileage. Nothing herein shall prevent
2 the payment of additional mileage to members attending committee meetings or on other legislative
3 business on nonlegislative days.”

4 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot
5 with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall
6 include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no oval is marked, the
7 ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular
8 official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by
9 the 2026 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

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

12 VII. Voters' Guide.

13 AT THE PRESENT TIME, the constitution provides that presiding officers of both
14 houses of the legislature receive out of the state treasury compensation of \$250 per elected term, and
15 all other members of both houses of the legislature receive out of the state treasury compensation of
16 \$200 per elected term.

17 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, the constitution shall no longer provide such
18 amounts of compensation for presiding officers and all other members of both houses of the
19 legislature.