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Sen. Jack Goodman Votes to Reject Pay Raises for Elected Officials and Judges

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Jack Goodman (R-Mt. Vernon) voted today to reject pay raises for elected officials. The Senate passed [House Concurrent Resolution 5](#), which strikes down the recommendations made by the [Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials](#) to increase the salaries of elected officials.

“In light of the economic challenges facing American families and employers, this is not an appropriate time to increase taxpayer-funded salaries for elected officials,” Sen. Goodman said.

The commission recommended a \$1,500 annual pay raise to each of the state’s associate circuit judges and a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for judges, legislators and elected officials *only if* the General Assembly were to approve the same COLA for state employees. State law requires a two-thirds majority vote in both the Missouri Senate and the House in order to overturn the committee’s recommendations. With the Senate’s 32-1 vote today, and the House’s 129-31 vote on Monday to halt the raise plan, the majority prevailed in rejecting the raises. Otherwise, the pay raises would have been effective on February 1.

“I am pleased that my colleagues are as adamant about rejecting these pay raises as I am,” Sen. Goodman said. “Now is not the time to spend taxpayer dollars on salary raises. We must honor the responsibility entrusted to us by our constituents and protect the hard-earned money of Missouri families.”

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