

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.6

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

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

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

Whereas, the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials has recommended that the compensation for statewide elected officials, other than Lieutenant Governor, be increased by eight percent each year for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and the compensation for the Lieutenant Governor be increased by eleven percent for the two-year period of fiscal years 2016 and 2017, representing salary increases of \$50,638 in fiscal year 2016 and an additional \$54,306 in fiscal year 2017; and

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

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

Whereas, the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials recommended no increases in compensation for judges over fiscal years 2016 and 2017 so that the salaries of judges shall remain tied to the salaries of comparable positions in the federal judiciary; and

Whereas, the state has many other priorities for appropriating money in the budget that are far more important than the salary increases recommended by the Commission; and

Whereas, the Commission's recommendations shall take effect unless disapproved by the General Assembly through a concurrent resolution process passed by two-thirds majorities in each legislative chamber before February 1, 2015:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby disapprove the recommendations of the Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials contained in its report of November 25, 2014; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Governor Jay Nixon.