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FW: Independent Citizens Commission [#29]

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I've was against this issue when it came up last year. I'm against your recommendations now. Not only was the Ballot #3 title/synopsis at the voting booth deceptive so is your 5-state comparison now. Tennessee is in session 45 days a year, Louisiana 65, Iowa 110, Oklahoma 120 and Missouri 150. Arkansas averaged is 30 days a year. Except for Iowa their population is 2 and 3 times that of Arkansas. Do you think this ballot issue would have passed if the terminology at the voting booth had read "increase the legislature's term limits" instead of setting term limits? Or a bill to "increase the pay of our elected officials?" In the executive branch, do you think we could get the Governor to buy his own groceries, do his own cooking, drive himself to and from work and reduce the expense of the plush Governor's Mansion we put him in if we raise him from \$87,000 to \$140,000 annually? In conclusion I think our General Assembly should have the intestinal fortitude to make these salary/expense decisions. Not an autonomous 7-member committee they hand pick.

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I do not support raising the pay of legislators, judges, governor, attorney general, etc. I do support making mileage rates equal for all state employees and legislators. If legislators are given a raise, it should be equal to the percentage given to state employees in the previous year.

George Catsavis

Pay raises

Are you kidding me. This amount of increase in pay. And what have they done to earn that much more. I promise you no one will quit or leave their positions if this huge increase is not given to them. I think these pec are well compensated in other ways that maybe the commission is not taking into account. I think this commission needs to rethink what they are proposing.

Thank you

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Scott Minton

raises of government officials

Dear Sirs/Madam:

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Adjusting salaries for Arkansas' Consitutional Officers , etc.

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Proposed Salary Increases

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