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Pay Raises

Hello... I think you all know the TAXPAYER VOTERS were DECEIVED with issue 3 . I hope you all will take into consideration that TAXPAYERS were deceived with issue 3. I think most TAXPAYERS would be very hap if the whole thing was trashed and let the elected officials but the panel on the ballot in 2016 by its self. Also dc the term limits the same way.

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Kathy Smith

Salary increase for legislators

The salary increases you have proposed for Arkansas legislators is too much. I urge you to leave the legislator salary as is and focus on raising the salary for AR elected Constitutional Positions.

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opposition to legislative pay raises

Good Morning!

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Michael Coulter, a registered voter in Crittenden County, registered Republican and a staunch conservative.

With that said, let me express by absolute total opposition to this commission's attempt to increase the salaries elected legislators from their current annual rate to the proposed \$40,000.

Let me also say that as the editorial writer with the daily newspaper in Crittenden County I am making it absolute clear to the citizens in the Delta that this recommendation, if approved, will have consequences during the next round of elections.

As Sen. Keith Ingram and I agree, the salaries of the governor and the attorney general certainly deserve a thorough review, because they have full time positions.

It is my strong opinion that giving such pay raises to part time legislators is a direct slap in the face to the hard-working Arkansans, many of whom don't make \$40,000 a year working two jobs.

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Risa Krantz

Proposed Salary Adjustments

I am writing to express my concern with the proposed salary adjustments by the Independent Citizens Commission.

This is ludicrous so say the least! Salary increases of 140% up to 248%? Really?! Are you serious? I am appalled at such suggestions when our state cannot even fund all of the programs that are necessary such as schools and our prison systems. Our county holds state prisoners, which clogs up our own local system, for no reimbursement, when we get it. The state cannot afford to pay out all they owe to the counties that are housing state prisoners. How are these salary adjustments justified???

I appreciate all that these elected officials do but were they not aware of the salary when they ran for their position? And now your commission is going to take the heat off of them by asking for their raises. Give them adjustment to their salaries but make it more comparable to the working people of Arkansas! Two (2%) percent would be sufficient. Raise it every year for several years to adjust up to a desired amount according to our economy.

I find it really sad and just plain sneaky and sorry not to make the notices (hidden in small print and in tiny corner of the newspaper) large, preferably full page notices to allow ALL citizens who have an opinion on this matter to respond.

Please do not adjust these salaries to these extravagant amounts when our state struggles funding necessary programs.

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February 17, 2015

The Arkansas Independent Citizens Commission
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate the time and effort that the Commission has put into making the proposed salary adjustments for elected constitutional officers of the executive department, members of the General Assembly, justices, and judges. . However, I would like to recommend that salaries remain at the current levels during this two-year term and that the raises begin during the next two-year term.

I believe that every elected constitutional officer began this term with no expectation of receiving the purposed increases and would agree to making the raises effective during the 2017-2018 term.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Ferguson".

Deborah Ferguson
State Representative
District 51