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FW: Independent Citizens Commission [#38]

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You have been tasked with a decision that is uber political and will incite strong opinions from both sides. Thank you for your willingness to take this on.

I fully support your findings! There are tons of folks that have life experiences that would be invaluable in state offices - whether the legislature or other offices - that simply can't afford the sacrifice. Literally.

The changes you have proposed will hopefully encourage business owners, general workers and folks with great plans for the state that otherwise couldn't afford to be elected and forego their pay an opportunity to serve.

Arkansas does not have "lifelong politicians", rather, we have elected volunteers. Let's encourage the best of the best to volunteer to serve.

Thank you for your due diligence. Let's resemble our comparable states. That is our best bet to move AR forward.

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alex

Bureaucratic and elected officials pay hikes

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With the budget demands already stretched beyond financial capacity it's apparent they are of a mindset that ti personally are more interested in benefiting themselves rather than the constituents that elected them. Remember, the salary they receive is but a small part of the compensation package they enjoy. You must think that the minute State Income Tax redaction gives you the privilege of raising your compensation packages beyond reason. DISGUSTING....IF YOU GO THROUGH WITH YOUR BOGUS UNJUSTIFIED PLAN I'M SURE THE VOTERS WILL SPEAK OUT IN DEFIANCE AT THE NEXT ELECTION.

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Elected official proposed pay increases

To whom it may concern,
I disagree with the proposed levels of pay raises the newly elected commission has put forth and am very disappointed in these first actions of the commission.

The State of Arkansas has several budget challenges in the near and foreseeable future. While I support some modest increases in salary levels for ALL State employees, I can not support taking the HIGHEST proposed levels the commission has published for newly elected officials in the highest State offices and laying that tax burden upon the citizens of Arkansas.

It would be more practical and more responsible for these increases to be applied in increments over a period years. This would be following the legislature's own precedent of increasing the "minimum" wage standards recently voted and approved by the citizens of Arkansas.

It smacks of political collusion to do otherwise.

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Sincerely,

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Legislative Pay Increases

I am completely opposed to giving pay raises to our legislators. We have a fine system of government here in Arkansas with our part-time citizen legislators. We will gain nothing but additional taxes by raising their pay and making them full time bureaucrats.

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Jane Hartley

New changes

We do not need a full time legislature in Ark and we especially do not need professional politians. Do away wit the fiscal session and do not give such large remunerations to encourage long term careers! We need the diversity of short term representation and people who only make laws that are essential instead of seeking any little thing to creat a law to show they have done something while there. We don't want to be a corrupted hous like Washington, DC!

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Pay raise for legislators

I am totally opposed to your recommendation to raise the salary of our state legislators from its present level. We enjoy a better state government with citizen part-time legislators that we ever will with people who choose to be full time bureaucrats.

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Re: Elected official proposed pay increases

Debbie, good stuff, you should also send this to the Dem-Zette On Feb 24, 2015, at 12:47 PM, <alexylad@cox.net> wrote:

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Nancy Jarratt

increased salaries

I am totally against the huge raise that is being considered. I think our legislators should remain part time. They should experience true real life jobs away from LR and each other most of the year! They earn enough as it is!

Sorrells, Jr. G. W.

Independent Citizens Commission,

You are asked to reconsider your recent recommendation of pay raises for elected Arkansas officials. I oppose such action in the strongest of terms. In my East Arkansas small businesses I employ thirty-one taxpayers and they are of the same mind.

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