

**JOINT RESOLUTION REJECTING SALARY
RECOMMENDATIONS OF LEGISLATIVE
COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

2002 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Brad King

This joint resolution of the Legislature rejects the salary recommendations of the Legislative Compensation Commission that would, except for this joint resolution, take effect on January 1, 2003.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, Utah Code Title 36, Chapter 2, Employees and Compensation, governs the process for setting the salaries of members of the Legislature;

WHEREAS, the statute provides that, unless rejected or decreased by the Legislature, the legislative salary of a member of the Legislature is automatically set at the amount recommended by the Legislative Compensation Commission;

WHEREAS, the statute requires the Legislative Compensation Commission to make its recommendations in an even-numbered year to take effect beginning January 1st of the following odd-numbered year;

WHEREAS, the Legislative Compensation Commission, in its report prepared for the 2002 General Session, recommended that the legislative salary level be increased from \$120 to \$130 per day for:

- (1) each calendar day of an annual general session; and
- (2) each day the legislator attends:
 - (a) a veto-override session;
 - (b) a special session; or
 - (c) other authorized legislative meeting;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the statute, the Legislature must take action in the 2002 General



28 Session if the Legislature wants to reject the recommendations of the Legislative Compensation
29 Commission prepared for the 2002 General Session, which, except for this joint resolution would
30 take effect January 2002; and

31 WHEREAS, with limited state revenues this fiscal year, the increase in legislative salaries
32 is not appropriate at this time:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah rejects
34 the salary amount recommended by the Legislative Compensation Commission in the
35 commission's report prepared for the 2002 General Session.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

37 (1) the legislative salary of a member of the Legislature shall remain at the amount
38 effective on January 1, 2001 of \$120 per each day the member of the Legislature is entitled to pay
39 under Title 36, Chapter 2; and

40 (2) consistent with the recommendations of the Legislative Compensation Commission,
41 the additional compensation for legislative leadership shall remain at the levels effective on
42 January 1, 2001.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Legislative
44 Compensation Commission.

**Legislative Review Note
as of 12-18-01 11:05 AM**

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel