

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

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 2 INTRODUCED BY *Stimul Roper Blaylock E. Smith*
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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN
 6 INTERIM STUDY OF THE COMPENSATION OF MONTANA'S ELECTED
 7 OFFICIALS AND CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND REQUIRING A
 8 REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 50TH LEGISLATURE.
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 13 the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches are not
 14 set by the Legislature; and

15 WHEREAS, the Legislature has rejected the Montana
 16 Salary Commission's recommendations for salaries for elected
 17 officials and certain appointed officials; and

18 WHEREAS, the Legislature has not evaluated, compared,
 19 and analyzed the salaries paid to elected officials and
 20 certain appointed officials in the Executive, Legislative,
 21 and Judicial Branches of state government; and

22 WHEREAS, it appears that in certain instances
 23 disparities exist between salaries set by the Legislature
 24 and salaries not set by the Legislature; and

25 WHEREAS, it is alleged that the salaries paid to

1 elected and appointed officials affect the ability of the
 2 State of Montana to attract the best qualified candidates
 3 for those elected and appointed positions.
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5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 6 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

7 That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to
 8 study, compare, and analyze the compensation, including
 9 salaries and other benefits, paid to:

10 (1) the elected officials and appointed officials
 11 whose salaries are provided for in sections 2-16-405,
 12 3-5-211, 5-2-301, 13-37-106, and 15-2-102, MCA;

13 (2) the Presidents of the units of the Montana
 14 University System and the Commissioner of Higher Education;

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 16 appointed by the Governor in accordance with section
 17 2-15-111, MCA;

18 (4) the Executive Director of the Legislative Council,
 19 the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, and
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22 (5) any other appointed official whose compensation
 23 the committee determines is relevant and necessary for a
 24 valid study, comparison, and analysis as provided in this
 25 resolution.



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report the
2 findings of the study to the 50th Legislature and recommend
3 the compensation it determines to be appropriate for the
4 elected officials and appointed officials included in the
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FINANCE AND CLAIMS

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