

1 Officials Compensation Commission which shall have seven members
2 appointed by the Governor, no more than four of whom shall be of
3 the same political party. The members shall:

4 (1) Have been residents of this state for at least ten years
5 prior to the date of appointment;

6 (2) Broadly represent the public at-large; and

7 (3) Not be:

8 (A) Members of the Legislature;

9 (B) Officers or employees of the state, or both; or

10 (C) Officers or employees of any county, municipality or
11 political subdivision of the state, or both.

12 (b) The members of the Citizens Elected County Officials
13 Compensation Commission may be the same as the Citizens Legislative
14 Compensation Commission.

15 (c) The original appointments of the members shall be
16 staggered and thereafter the terms shall be seven years.

17 (d) A member may be removed from the commission by the
18 Governor for:

19 (1) Official misconduct;

20 (2) Incompetency; or

21 (3) Neglect of duty.

22 (e) The Governor shall designate one member of the commission
23 as chairperson.

24 (f) The members of the commission shall serve without

1 compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all
2 reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred in the
3 performance of their duties.

4 (g) Commencing July 1, 2013, the commission may meet as often
5 as necessary to determine the salaries for the elected county
6 officials.

7 (h) Within fifteen days after the beginning of the regular
8 session of the Legislature in the year 2014 and every four years
9 thereafter, the commission shall submit, by resolution, to the
10 Legislature its determination for the salaries for the elected
11 county officials. The resolution determining the salaries for the
12 elected county officials must have been adopted by at least four
13 members of the commission.

14 (i) The Legislature may enact the salaries for the elected
15 county officials determined by the commission into general law
16 subject to the requirements and conditions prescribed in the
17 general law: *Provided*, That the Legislature may only reduce the
18 salaries as determined by the commission, but may not increase the
19 salaries.

20 (j) The salaries for the elected county officials enacted by
21 the Legislature shall be paid on and after the effective date of
22 the general law.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the Citizens

Elected County Officials Compensation Commission, determine membership of the commission, terms of the members, powers and duties of the commission, and procedures for enacting the salaries of the elected county officials.

§7-7-1a is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.