

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 23, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
2 STATE OF IDAHO, RELATING TO LIMITING THE LENGTH OF ANY EXTRAORDINARY OR
3 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE; STATING THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMIT-
4 TED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE
5 STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUB-
6 LISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
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8 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Section 23, Article III of the Constitution of the
10 State of Idaho be amended to read as follows:

11 Section 23. COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS. (1) The legislature
12 shall have no authority to establish the rate of its compensation
13 and expense by law. There is hereby authorized the creation of
14 the citizens committee on legislative compensation, which shall
15 consist of six members, three to be appointed by the governor and
16 three to be appointed by the supreme court, whose terms of office
17 and qualifications shall be as provided by law. Members of the
18 committee shall be citizens of the state of Idaho other than pub-
19 lic officials holding an office to which compensation is attached.
20 The committee shall, on or before the last day of November of each
21 even-numbered year, establish the rate of compensation and ex-
22 penses for services to be rendered by members of the legislature
23 during the two-year period commencing on the first day of December
24 of such year. The compensation and expenses so established shall,
25 on or before such date, be filed with the secretary of state and the
26 state controller. The rates thus established shall be the rates
27 applicable for the two-year period specified unless prior to the
28 twenty-fifth legislative day of the next regular session, by con-
29 current resolution, the senate and house of representatives shall
30 reject or reduce such rates of compensation and expenses. In the
31 event of rejection, the rates prevailing at the time of the previous
32 session, shall remain in effect.

33 (2) The officers of the legislature, including committee chair-
34 men, may, by virtue of the office, receive additional compensation
35 as may be provided by the committee. No change in the rate of com-
36 pensation shall be made which applies to the legislature then in of-
37 fice except as provided herein.

38 (3) ~~When convened in extra session by the governor, no such~~ No
39 extraordinary or special session of the legislature shall continue
40 for a period longer than twenty days.

41 SECTION 2. The question to be submitted to the electors of the State of
42 Idaho at the next general election shall be as follows:

1 "Shall Section 23, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho
2 be amended to provide that no extraordinary or special session of the Legis-
3 lature shall continue for a period longer than twenty days?"

4 SECTION 3. The Legislative Council is directed to prepare the state-
5 ments required by Section 67-453, Idaho Code, and file the same.

6 SECTION 4. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to publish this
7 proposed constitutional amendment and arguments as required by law.