



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 32

March 19, 2009 - Introduced by Representatives VUKMIR, DAVIS, KERKMAN, PETERSEN, NASS, LOTHIAN, STRACHOTA, TOWNSEND, VOS and ZIPPERER, cosponsored by Senators LAZICH, SCHULTZ, LEIBHAM, COWLES and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

1 **To amend** section 26 (2) (intro.) of article IV of the constitution; **relating to:** public
2 officer salary changes (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The constitution prohibits increases or decreases in the compensation of a public officer during the term for which he or she was elected, with certain exceptions. This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2009 legislature on first consideration, deletes the prohibition against decreases in compensation during the term for which an officer was elected.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

3 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:**

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 26 (2) (intro.) of article IV of the constitution is amended
5 to read:

6 [Article IV] Section 26 (2) (intro.) Except as provided in this subsection, the
7 compensation of a public officer may not be increased ~~or diminished~~ during the term
8 of office:

