

1 Senators and representatives shall receive the same health insurance benefits as full-time
2 state employees.

3 Senators and representatives shall be reimbursed for traveling expenses in going to and
4 from the general assembly at the same mileage paid to state workers as of the 31st day of
5 December in the year preceding each session.

6 No senator or representative shall be eligible for any pension on account of service in the
7 general assembly after 1994; provided, however, that those senators and representatives first
8 elected before 1994 who elect to receive compensation for legislative service in 1995 and
9 thereafter, at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) for every day of actual attendance and eight cents
10 (.08) per mile for traveling expenses in going to and returning from the general assembly, for a
11 maximum of sixty (60) days in any calendar year, shall be eligible for a pension on account of
12 service in the general assembly after 1994. The amount of such pension shall be based upon the
13 pension program in effect for legislators on January 1, 1994.

14 The general assembly shall regulate the compensation of the governor and of all other
15 officers, subject to limitations contained in the Constitution.

16 RESOLVED, That this amendment take, in the Constitution of the state, the place of
17 Article VI, Section 3, of the Constitution; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors
19 for their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election to be held in November,
20 2018. The voting places in the several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours
21 required by law for voting therein for members of the state general assembly; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to
23 be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said
24 meetings of said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices to
25 be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward or
26 district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward or district meetings to be
27 held as aforesaid; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the town, ward and district meetings to be held aforesaid shall be
29 warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward and
30 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,
31 ward and district meetings for the next general election of members to the state general assembly
32 and such other general officers of the state as may be up for election.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
(SESSIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

1 The joint resolution would propose a constitutional amendment which, if approved by the
2 voters, would change the opening date of the general assembly to the first Tuesday after the first
3 Monday in January, and would provide for adjournment no later than the last Friday in May.

4 The speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate would have
5 the power, by agreement, to convene a special session of the general assembly at any time
6 thereafter.

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