

AMENDMENTS TO LR 3CA

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 "Section 1. At a special election to be held at the
4 statewide primary election in May 2004, the following proposed
5 amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

7 To amend Article III, sections 7 and 19, and add a new
8 section 31 to Article III:

9 III-7 "At the general election to be held in November
10 1964, one-half the members of the Legislature, or as nearly thereto
11 as may be practicable, shall be elected for a term of four years
12 and the remainder for a term of two years, and thereafter all
13 members shall be elected for a term of four years, with the manner
14 of such election to be determined by the Legislature. When the
15 Legislature is redistricted, the members elected prior to the
16 redistricting shall continue in office, and the law providing for
17 such redistricting shall when ~~where~~ necessary specify the newly
18 established district which they shall represent for the balance of
19 their term. Each member shall be nominated and elected in a
20 nonpartisan manner and without any indication on the ballot that he
21 or she is affiliated with or endorsed by any political party or
22 organization. Each member of the Legislature shall receive a
23 salary of ~~not to exceed~~ one thousand dollars per month during the
24 term of his or her office until his or her compensation is changed

1 in the manner provided by Article III, section 31, of this
2 Constitution. In addition to his or her ~~salary~~ compensation, each
3 member shall receive an amount equal to his or her actual expenses
4 in traveling by the most usual route once to and returning from
5 each regular or special session of the Legislature. Members of the
6 Legislature shall receive no pay nor perquisites other than ~~his or~~
7 ~~her salary~~ the compensation provided by this section and Article
8 III, section 31, of this Constitution and expenses. ~~and~~
9 ~~employees of the Legislature shall receive no compensation other~~
10 ~~than their salary or per diem."~~

11 III-19 "The Legislature shall never grant any extra
12 compensation to any public officer, agent, or servant after the
13 services have been rendered nor to any contractor after the
14 contract has been entered into, except that retirement benefits of
15 retired public officers and employees may be adjusted to reflect
16 changes in the cost of living and wage levels that have occurred
17 subsequent to the date of retirement.

18 The compensation of any public officer, including any
19 officer whose compensation is fixed by the Legislature, shall not
20 be increased or diminished during his or her term of office, except
21 that when there are members elected or appointed to ~~the Legislature~~
22 ~~or~~ the judiciary, or officers elected or appointed to a board or
23 commission having more than one member, and the terms of such
24 members commence and end at different times, the compensation of
25 all members ~~of the Legislature,~~ of the judiciary, or of such board
26 or commission may be increased or diminished at the beginning of
27 the full term of any member thereof and except as provided in

1 Article III, sections 7 and 31, of this Constitution.

2 Nothing in this section shall prevent local governing
3 bodies from reviewing and adjusting vested pension benefits
4 periodically as prescribed by ordinance.

5 The surviving spouse of any retired public officer,
6 agent, or servant, who has retired under a pension plan or system,
7 shall be considered as having pensionable status and shall be
8 entitled to the same benefits which may, at any time, be provided
9 for or available to spouses of other public officers, agents, or
10 servants who have retired under such pension plan or system at a
11 later date, and such benefits shall not be prohibited by the
12 restrictions of this section or of Article XIII, section 3, of ~~the~~
13 this Constitution. of Nebraska."

14 III-31 "(1) There is hereby created the Compensation
15 Review Commission. The members of the commission shall be
16 appointed by the Governor. There shall be two members appointed
17 from each congressional district and three members from the state
18 at large. Members of the commission shall serve for terms of six
19 years, except that of the members initially appointed, one from
20 each of the congressional districts and one of the at-large members
21 shall be appointed for terms of two years. No more than five
22 members of the commission may belong to the same political party at
23 any one time, and no elected official or employee of the state or
24 any political subdivision or registered lobbyist may serve as a
25 member. The term of an existing member shall terminate on the date
26 a new member is appointed. A member may serve no more than two
27 terms on the commission and shall receive no compensation for the

1 performance of his or her duties but may be reimbursed for actual
2 and necessary expenses.

3 (2) The Compensation Review Commission shall review
4 compensation for members of the Legislature and submit a report to
5 the Governor and the Legislature recommending any adjustment to
6 such compensation the commission deems appropriate. The
7 Legislature may by legislative bill approve, disapprove, or reduce
8 the recommended adjustment but may not increase the recommended
9 adjustment. Adjustments shall not become effective until so
10 approved by the Legislature, and when so approved shall become
11 effective three calendar months following the end of the
12 legislative session in which the adjustments were approved. The
13 commission shall review and submit a report recommending any
14 adjustment to compensation every fourth year after the submission
15 of the original recommendation."

16 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the
17 electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska,
18 Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

19 "A constitutional amendment to create the Compensation
20 Review Commission and to change provisions relating to
21 compensation for members of the Legislature.

22 For
23 Against".".