

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

(Prepared under Chapter 22, Laws of Montana
1963):

Our Constitution now enables newly elected Supreme Court and District Court Judges to receive more pay than those already serving. This amendment corrects this inequality by allowing the legislature to equalize judges' salaries during their term of office so that all judges performing the same services receive the same salary.

It also deletes a provision setting judicial salaries from 1889 until the legislature could get around to setting them. This was done, and the provision is now obsolete.

AN ACT FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 29 OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RELATING TO THE SALARY OF THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT AND THE JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE QUARTERLY PAYMENT THEREOF BY THE STATE OF SUCH SALARY AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SALARY SHALL NOT BE DIMINISHED DURING THE TERMS FOR WHICH SUCH JUSTICES AND JUDGES SHALL HAVE BEEN RESPECTIVELY ELECTED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA.

Section 29. The justices of the supreme court and the judges of the district courts shall each be paid quarterly by the state, a salary, which shall not be diminished during the terms for which they shall have been respectively elected.

FOR THE ABOVE AMENDMENT

AGAINST THE ABOVE AMENDMENT