

# INITIATIVES, REFERENDUMS, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

### Attorney General's Explanatory Statement on the following proposed Constitutional Amendment

Our constitution now prohibits a public officer from receiving a raise in pay during his term of office. This amendment would allow public officers to receive pay raises during their term of office, whenever such raises are authorized by the legislature.

AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 31 OF ARTICLE V, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, RELATING TO THE TERMS OF OFFICE AND SALARIES OF PUBLIC OFFICERS; TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST INCREASE OF SUCH SALARIES DURING THE TERMS FOR WHICH SUCH OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ELECTED OR APPOINTED.

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

Section 1. Section 31, article V, of the constitution of the state of Montana, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 31. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, no law shall extend the term of any public officer, or diminish his salary or emolument after his election or appointment: provided, that this shall not be construed to forbid the legislative assembly from fixing the salaries or emoluments of those officers first elected or appointed under this constitution, where such salaries or emoluments are not fixed by this constitution."

For the above amendment.

Against the above amendment.

### Attorney General's Explanatory Statement on the following proposed Constitutional Amendment

This amendment increases the number of days the legislature may be in session from sixty days to eighty days. It also deletes certain directions to the first legislature governing their session in 1889 and inapplicable to succeeding legislatures.

AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5, ARTICLE V OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION INCREASING THE LIMITATION ON THE LENGTH OF SESSIONS AND PROVIDING THAT PER DIEM AND EXPENSE PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR DAYS IN SESSION SHALL NOT BE MADE FOR MORE THAN EIGHTY DAYS.

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

Section 1. Section 5, Article V of the Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. No session of the legislative assembly shall exceed eighty (80) days.

The compensation of the members of the legislative assembly shall be as provided by law; however, no legislative assembly shall fix its own compensation. Per diem and expense payments to members for days in session shall not be made for more than eighty (80) days."

For the above amendment.

Against the above amendment.

### Attorney General's Explanatory Statement on the following proposed Constitutional Amendment

Our constitution now provides that no more than three proposed amendments to the constitution may be voted on at any one election. This amendment would allow up to six proposed constitutional amendments to be voted on at the same election.