

GOVERNOR'S SALARY COMMISSION

The salary and benefit explanations are excerpted from the *Report of the Governor's Salary Commission* issued in January 1994. The Commission recommended that there be no increase in the current salaries of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

IV. SALARY DETERMINATIONS

The Commission reviewed salary and related information summarized in earlier parts of this report. Applying the compensation principles outlined earlier, the Commission recommends the following salaries:

Governor	\$120,000
Lieutenant Governor	\$100,000

The Commission, pursuant to a request from the Governor, also suggests that the salaries of the Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer, and Secretary of State not be increased. As the Commission considered the Lieutenant Governor's and other constitutional officers' salaries together, Treasurer Maurer did not participate in these salary determinations.

The Commission offers the following rationale for these determinations.

Governor's Salary

The Commission recommended not to increase the salary of the Governor because it felt that the increase provided the Governor for the 1990 – 1994 term of office was quite substantial. The Commission also felt that a number of the assumptions made by the prior Commission with regards to the relationship of the salary of the Governor to other elected officials in state government, cabinet officials, the judiciary, local elected officials, and governors of other states had not changed substantially enough to warrant increasing the Governor's salary. In addition, this Commission did not agree with the prior Commission that the Governor should be paid more than all of the appointed cabinet officials.

The Commission discussed the idea of giving the Governor annual salary increases that were tied to the federal consumer price index. The Commission decided against taking this approach. The Commission noted that the next Commission would have to closely examine the relationship between the Governor's salary and that of elected and appointed state and local officials as it would not have changed for two consecutive terms.

Lieutenant Governor's Salary

As the Commission recommended against increasing the salary of the Governor for the reasons stated above it did not believe that it would be appropriate to increase the salary of the Lieutenant Governor.

Constitutional Officers' Salaries

As the Commission recommended against increasing the salary of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for the reasons stated above it did not believe that it would be appropriate to increase the salary of the other constitutional officers.