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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

In 2013, the legislature proposed a constitutional amendment that will be on the ballot at the 2016 general election (Laws 2013, chapter 124). That constitutional amendment would create a citizens council to set salaries for legislators. This bill:

- Amends the proposed constitutional amendment by stating that none of the members of the citizens council may be the spouse of a current legislator or a current legislative employee (The language proposed in 2013 forbids current or former legislators or lobbyist from serving on the council)
- Changes the ballot question to refer to “state lawmakers”
- Adds a title for the constitutional ballot question: “Remove Lawmakers’ Power to Set Their Own Pay”
- Contains statutory language creating the Legislative Salary Council contained in the proposed constitutional amendment

### Section

**1 Legislative Salary Council.** Creates a legislative salary council that would take effect if the voters approve the proposed constitutional amendment at the 2016 general election. The membership of the council is as specified in the proposed constitutional amendment.

Provides for initial appointments, and for staggering of initial four-year terms. Provides that new members will be appointed following each redistricting. Provides removal during a term for cause (or due to redistricting). Provides for members to receive per diem and expense reimbursement. Requires the Legislative Coordinating Commission to provide

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administrative and support services.

**2**        **Constitutional amendment proposed.** Amends the text of the proposed constitutional amendment by adding language stating that none of the members of the council may be the spouse of a current legislator or a current employee of the legislature. Amends the text of the proposed constitutional language for repealing any salary increase for legislators authorized by the legislature after January 5, 2015.

**3**        **Schedule and question; title.** Amends the ballot question proposed in 2013 by stating that the proposal relates to “state lawmakers”.

Adds a title for the proposed amendment: “Remove Lawmakers’ Power to Set Their Own Pay.”