

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1989**

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**HOUSE BILL 1052**

Short Title: Ratify Congressional Pay Amendment.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Kerr and Sizemore (co-sponsors); Arnold, Balmer, Barbee, Beall, Beard, Blue, Bowen, Bowie, Brawley, Brown, Brubaker, Buchanan, Church, Cooper, Craven, J. Crawford, N. Crawford, Creech, Cromer, Culp, Dawkins, Diamont, Dickson, Diggs, Duncan, Edwards, Esposito, L. Etheridge, B. Ethridge, Fitch, Flaherty, Fletcher, Foster, Gardner, Gibson, Grady, Grimmer, Hall, Hasty, Hege, Holmes, Howard, Huffman, S. Hunt, H. Hunter, R. Hunter, Hurley, Isenhower, James, Justus, Kimsey, Lail, Ligon, Lineberry, Loflin, Lutz, McLaughlin, Mercer, Payne, Pope, Privette, Redwine, Rhodes, Rhyne, Robinson, Rogers, Tallent, Tart, R. Thompson, Walker, Warner, Weatherly, Wicker, P. Wilson, G. Wilson, Wood, and Woodard.

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Referred to: Rules.

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April 6, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO RE-RATIFY A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
3 OF THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS  
4 OF CONGRESS.

5       Whereas, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of  
6 America assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring) and on March 4, 1789,  
7 proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to become  
8 valid as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of the several states,  
9 in words as follows:

10       "ART. II. No law varying the compensation for the service of the senators and  
11 representatives, shall take effect until an election of representatives shall have  
12 intervened."; and

13       Whereas, this proposed amendment was part of the Bill of Rights containing  
14 12 proposed amendments, only 10 of which have been ratified by a sufficient number of  
15 states; and

1           Whereas, by Chapter 19, Laws of 1789, the North Carolina General  
2 Assembly ratified all 12 amendments, being one of the few states to ratify Article II of  
3 Amendment set out above; and

4           Whereas, in recent years, many more states have ratified this proposed  
5 amendment, but there may be constitutional questions about whether the actions of the  
6 states must be contemporaneous; and

7           Whereas, North Carolina is celebrating the Bicentennial of the Bill of Rights;  
8 Now, therefore,

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10           Section 1. The proposed Second Article of Amendment to the Constitution of  
11 the United States, reading "No law varying the compensation for the service of the  
12 senators and representatives, shall take effect until an election of representatives has  
13 intervened", ratified by Chapter 19, Laws of 1789, is re-ratified by the General  
14 Assembly of the State of North Carolina.

15           Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this act to the  
16 National Archives and Records Administration, the Clerk of the United States House of  
17 Representatives, and to the Secretary of the United States Senate.

18           Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.