

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 572
HOUSE BILL 1052

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 4th day of July, 1989.