

### Propose Changes In Constitution At Next Election

#### Third Change Provides For Adequate Pay of State Legislators

Five amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina will be submitted to popular vote on November 7. The adoption or rejection of each amendment will be determined by the majority of the votes cast for or against each amendment. The legal significance of the proposed No. 3 amendment is briefly explained as follows:

#### 3. Compensation of Legislators

The General Assembly is with out power to increase the salaries of its members or that of its presiding officers, or to provide for a subsistence allowance or other expenses. The most it can do is to submit to popular vote a constitutional amendment which, if adopted, will provide for increased compensation for legislators who will serve in the future. The 1949 Legislature, by Chapter 1267, asks the voters of the State to change the rate of pay of future legislators and their presiding officers by rewriting Section 28 of Article II of the Constitution. This section which was last changed by popular vote twenty-two years ago, now reads:

"28. Pay of members and officers of the General Assembly.—The members of the General Assembly for the term of their office shall receive a salary for their services of six hundred dollars each. The salaries of the presiding officers of the two houses shall be seven hundred dollars each: Provided, that in addition to the salaries herein provided for, should an extra session of the General Assembly be called, the members shall receive eight dollars per day each, and the presiding officers of the two houses ten dollars per day each for every day of such extra session not exceeding twenty days; and should an extra session continue more than twenty days, the members and officers shall serve thereafter without pay."

Between the Constitutional Convention of 1875 and the amendment of 1928, members of the General Assembly had received \$4.00 per day for not more than sixty days for a regular session, plus mileage of ten cents per mile for one round trip between home and capital. The presiding officers—President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives—had received \$6.00 per day for not more than sixty days, plus mileage, for regular sessions, and a "like rate of compensation" was paid to members and presiding officers for not more than twenty days of any extra sessions.

From 1875 to 1928, therefore, members of the General Assembly and their presiding officers received \$4.00 and \$6.00 per day, respectively, for not more than sixty days for a regular session and not more than twenty days for a special session, plus one round trip mileage of ten cents for each session. From 1928 to the present time, members and presiding officers have received for their entire terms of office \$600.00 and \$700.00, respectively, plus \$8.00 per day for members and \$10.00 per day for presiding officers for not more than twenty days of extra sessions. (The Lieutenant Governor, who is ex officio presiding officer of the Senate, also received an annual salary under an act of the 1945 Legislature.)

Chapter 1267 of the Session Laws of 1947 will submit to popular vote in November, 1950, the question of changing the rate of compensation of members of the General Assembly and their presiding officers by rewriting Article II, Section 28, to read as follows:

"Sec. 28. Pay of Members and Presiding Officers of the General Assembly.—The members of the General Assembly for the term for which they have been elected shall receive as a compensation for their services the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per day for each day of their session, for a period not exceeding ninety days; and should they remain longer in session they shall serve without compensation. The compensation of the presiding officers of the two houses shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for a period not exceeding ninety days.

( ) For amendment allowing limited necessary compensation of members of the General Assembly. ( ) Against amendment allowing limited necessary compensation of the members of the General Assembly."

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#### Traveling to her home in Florida after working in Virginia during the harvest season, a migrant worker was deserted by her companions here late last Saturday afternoon.

According to the story told local police, the young woman said she had paid \$15 transportation to a man whose name she did not know, that he and three other men agreed to stop here and wait while she bought a pair of shoes. After making the purchase she returned to the parking place to find the men and car gone with her clothes and a small portable radio.

After spending the night here she was reported to have caught a ride in a truck carrying other migrant workers to their homes in Florida. "I don't know the men, but I know a friend who knows them," the migrant said, intimating there'd be hot time in Florida when she got there.

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