

Proposed constitutional amendment requires the governor to include full funding of state salary supplements for full-time local law enforcement and fire protection officers in his annual budget estimate. Further requires, beginning July 1, 2003, the legislature to appropriate monies sufficient to provide for payment of such salary supplements. Specifies that eligible local officers shall include classes of officers eligible under the law as of July 1, 2003. Provides that full funding shall be the amount needed to meet legal requirements by law as such requirements are in effect on July 1, 2001. Reduction of the appropriation by the governor requires the written consent of 2/3 of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 2002.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §11(A); Adds Const. Art. VII, §10(D)(3))