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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the legislature to provide by law for the payment of state salary supplements to certain full-time, public, emergency medical services practitioners and requires annual appropriation of such supplements by the legislature.

Present constitution (Art. VII, Sec. 10(D)(3)) requires the legislature to appropriate funds each year to fully fund the cost of state supplements to the salaries of full-time law enforcement and fire protection officers.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires the legislature to provide by law for the payment by the state of supplements to the salaries of emergency medical services practitioners. Further defines the term "emergency medical services practitioner" for the purposes of proposed constitutional amendment to mean a full-time employee of a political subdivision of the state who does not receive a salary supplement pursuant to present constitution and who is employed as a licensed emergency medical technician, licensed advanced emergency medical technician, or a licensed paramedic. Proposed constitutional amendment requires appropriation of funds sufficient to fully fund such supplements each year starting with the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2025.

Present constitution (Art. VII, Sec. 11) requires the governor each year to submit to the legislature a budget estimate for the next fiscal year. Further requires this budget estimate to include a recommendation for funding the state salary supplements for full-time law enforcement and fire protection officers of the state.

Proposed constitutional amendment adds to this requirement a recommendation for funding the state salary supplements of emergency medical services practitioners. Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held October 14, 2023.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §11(A); Adds Const. Art. VII, §10(D)(4))