

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid 101.04

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### Office of Administration

#### Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials

*Abstract:* Records 1996-2002 (bulk dates 1996-1998)

*Extent:* 0.8 cubic feet (2 archival boxes)

*Physical Description:* Paper files

*Location:* Missouri State Archives

### Administrative Information

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### Historical and Biographical Notes

The Commission is comprised of 21 members who serve for four years. Using criteria laid out in RSMo Article XIII Section 3, one representative from each Congressional district is selected at random, one retired judge appointed by the Supreme Court, and 12 members appointed by the governor.<sup>1</sup> All members must be residents of and registered voters in Missouri. Submitted by the General Assembly and approved by voters in 1994

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<sup>1</sup> The number of members is adjusted depending on the number of congressional districts.

(Constitution Amendment No. 5), the goal of the Commission is to biennially review the compensation and duties of all elected officials, members of the general assembly, and all judges except at the municipal-level. The first review was conducted in 1996. During each cycle, the commission holds four public hearings at different geographic locations to review the proposed schedule with its salary and reimbursement rates (e.g. mileage) before it is filed. Once the compensation schedule is filed with the Secretary of State the schedule of compensation shall become effective unless disapproved by concurrent resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of the general assembly. Per *Weinstock v. Holden, et al* (SC81322), compensation increases do not go into effect unless the general assembly passes a corresponding appropriation of the funds.

**Timeline**

Year	Event
1994	Missouri voters approved the creation of the Missouri Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials during the November 8 election. ( <a href="#">Constitutional Amendment No. 5</a> ; effective December 8, 1994).
1996	First sitting of the Missouri Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials. First proposed schedule of compensation submitted on November 30.
1999	Missouri Supreme Court case <i>Weinstock v. Holden</i> (SC81322) established that "no affected officeholder in Missouri is entitled to an increase in compensation until the general assembly appropriates an amount to fund all or a pro rata portion of the schedule of compensation."
2006	Article XIII Section 3 was amended on November 7 to ensure any elected official convicted of a felony while in office or otherwise removed from office for misconduct or by impeachment is disqualified from receiving a state pension.

## Additional Descriptive Information

### Bibliography

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<https://boards.mo.gov/userpages/Board.aspx?33>.

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<https://mdh.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/bluebook/search>.

*Official Manual of the State of Missouri*. Jefferson City, MO: Missouri Secretary of State. Volumes 2007-2008, 681. <https://www.sos.mo.gov/bluebook>.

*Weinstock v. Holden, et al. (SC81322)*, Opinion, Supreme Court of Missouri.. Accessed on July 26, 2021, <https://caselaw.findlaw.com/mo-supreme-court/1163839.html>.

### Related Material

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Session Laws, 1838- ; Office of Secretary of State, Record Group 5; Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

The schedules of compensation created by the Commission and filed with the Secretary of State are maintained in the Session Laws record series.

The official reports of the Commission are filed with RG 5.08 – Session Laws.

### Series

The records are organized into the following series:

Public Hearings, 1996-1998  
Miscellaneous Records, 1995-2002

## Public Hearings, 1996-1998

*Extent:* 0.3 c.f. (.75 archival box)

*Arrangement:* Chronological

### Scope and Content

The Public Hearings series contains all the documents related to the biennial public hearings held across the state. The transcripts include all discussions, presentations, explanations, and public feedback from each meeting. Some transcripts may also include documents discussed or graphs used during the presentations. The included information covers pre-meeting advertising, press releases, attendee lists, correspondence with meeting venues, correspondence between members or sent to or from the Commission, written testimony, memos, and newspaper articles. Handouts exist for selected meetings and these can include letters, memos, data tables, newspaper articles, and information on types of court cases. The October 7, 1996, meeting handouts include a document entitled "Chronology of Changes in the Circuit Court System."

### Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	1	Public Hearings Information	August 26, 1996, St. Louis
1	2	Public Hearings Transcripts	August 26, 1996, St. Louis
1	3	Public Hearings Information	September 9, 1996, Springfield
1	4	Public Hearings Transcripts	September 9, 1996, Springfield
1	5	Public Hearings Information	October 7, 1996, Kansas City
1	6	Public Hearings Transcripts	October 7, 1996, Kansas City
1	7	Public Hearings Handouts	October 7, 1996, Kansas City
1	8	Public Hearings Information	October 21, 1996, Cape Girardeau
1	9	Public Hearings Transcripts	October 21, 1996, Cape Girardeau
1	10	Public Hearings Handouts	October 21, 1996, Cape Girardeau
1	11	Public Hearings Information	November 6, 1996, Kirksville
1	12	Public Hearings Transcripts	November 6, 1996, Kirksville

1	13	Public Hearings Information	November 13 & 14, 1996, Jefferson City
1	14	Public Hearings Transcripts	November 13 & 14, 1996, Jefferson City
1	15	Public Hearings, Transcripts and Information	August 10, 1998, Kirksville
1	16	Public Hearings, Transcripts and Information	August 24, 1998, Springfield
1	17	Public Hearings, Transcripts and Information	September 16, 1998, Jefferson City
1	18	Public Hearings, Transcripts and Information	September 21, 1998, St. Louis
1	19	Public Hearings, Transcripts and Information	October 5, 1998, Kansas City
1	20	Public Hearings, Transcripts and Information	October 19, 1998, Cape Girardeau
1	21	Public Hearings, Transcripts and Information	November 4, 1998, Jefferson City

## Miscellaneous Records, 1995-2002

*Extent:* 0.5 c.f. (1.25 archival boxes)

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical by subject, then chronological within subject

### Scope and Content

Additional records covers all items not directly related to public hearings. The breadth of the correspondence covers meeting planning, appointments, letters from the public, and letters dealing with the resignation or potential removal of an inactive member from the 1996 Commission. The *Guide to the Judiciary* includes the organization and description of the court system and benefits information. The Judiciary Committee Report describes the need for fair compensation for difficult work. The Official Binder includes copies of news articles, copies of relevant government documents, correspondence, history of Missouri legislative salaries, and information on the court system and judicial salaries. The Reports are the Commission findings and proposed compensation schedules. The Weinstock case file includes court briefs related to the case.

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1	22	Agendas	1996-1998
1	23	Agenda and Presentation Slides for Retirement Plan Comparisons	June 29, 2000
1	24	A Brief History of the Missouri Citizens Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials and the Weinstock Decision	2000
1	25	Compensation and Benefits for State Legislators	1995
1	26	Compensation Documents	2000
1	27	Correspondence	1996, February-June
1	28	Correspondence	1996, July-December
2	1	Correspondence	1997
2	2	Correspondence	1998
2	3	Correspondence (restricted)	2000
2	4	Documents	1998
2	5	Documents	Undated
2	6	<i>Guide to the Judiciary</i>	2000
2	7	Handwritten Notes	1996, February-May

2	8	Information on Salaries and Compensation Pre-Commission	Pre-1996
2	9	<i>Judiciary Committee Report</i>	November 13, 1996
2	10	Materials for May 9, 1996 Meeting	1996
2	11	Membership Lists	1996-2000
2	12	Minutes	1996
2	13	Minutes	May 28, 1998
2	14	Minutes with Handouts (includes <i>Report of the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Term Limits</i> )	June 1, 2000
2	15	Official Binder	Sections 1-5, Membership and Elected Officials
2	16	Official Binder	Section 6, Judiciary
2	17	Official Binder	Sections 7-8, Recommendations
2	18	Overview of Compensation	June 1, 2000
2	19	Plans Administered by MOSERS	May, 1996
2	20	Press Releases	2000
2	21	Proposal for Staffing	1996
2	22	Reports	1996-2002
2	23	Survey Results	1998
2	24	Weinstock v. Holden documents	1998-1999
2	25	Worksheets (blank)	1996-1999