

SENATOR REUTZEL: It is on one form on the ballot.

SENATOR KAHLE: What would that say, approximately.

SENATOR REUTZEL: That is in your committee amendments but it would only be one proposition on the ballot and that has been worked out with the secretary of state and Jack Rodgers who put this on final form on the ballot. It would only require one vote, not three separate votes because it is amending, I believe three sections of the Constitution.

SENATOR KAHLE: But it would say that it would be a commission established then to set the salaries.

SENATOR REUTZEL: The three branches, the constitutional officers, legislative and judicial branch.

SENATOR KAHLE: And one other thing before you get into what Senator Nichol wanted, you said that the Legislature could lower the salary but could not raise them. Now is that all of the judges and whoever is involved in this or just our own?

SENATOR REUTZEL: That is in all three branches. The recommendations by the commission would not go into effect until this Legislature approved it. We can approve, reject or lower, but we can not raise. So if they came in and said the Legislature should get \$3,000 a year we couldn't raise that up to \$30,000 a year.

SENATOR KAHLE: What would be the time table then? Could it be on the ballot next year?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Next year, 1980 and unless there was a special session it would not go into effect until 82.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, thank you. Now if you want to use some of my time to answer Senator Nichol, go ahead.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Thank you, Senator Kahle, I appreciate that. I just want to respond to a couple of remarks of Senator Nichol's and that is that there are surrounding states, if you will look at that table that I passed out that have gone to this commission form, a majority of states in this country and they haven't gone hog wild on salaries. I think to say that this is the only approach to raise our salaries is less than the truth. We are considering all three branches, not just one branch, and we have been through