

Senate Engrossed House Bill

employee benefits; compensation; state preemption

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2031**

### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE XVIII, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, BY ADDING SECTION 11; RELATING TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
2 the Senate concurring:

3       1. Article XVIII, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be  
4 amended by adding section 11 as follows if approved by the voters and on  
5 proclamation of the Governor:

6           11. Employee benefits; state preemption; enforcement;  
7           limitation

8       SECTION 11. A. THE REGULATION OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS,  
9       INCLUDING WAGE AND NONWAGE COMPENSATION, PAID AND UNPAID LEAVE  
10      AND OTHER ABSENCES, MEAL BREAKS AND REST PERIODS, IS OF  
11      STATEWIDE CONCERN. THE REGULATION OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS  
12      PURSUANT TO STATE AND FEDERAL LAW IS NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER  
13      REGULATION BY A CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY, EXCEPT THAT A CITY, TOWN  
14      OR COUNTY MAY ADOPT A LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE ONLY IF ALLOWED BY  
15      STATE LAW AND IF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET:

16           1. THAT WAGE IS AT OR ABOVE THE STATEWIDE MINIMUM WAGE.  
17           2. THE CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY DOES NOT DIMINISH THE  
18      ABILITY OF EMPLOYERS OF CUSTOMARILY AND REGULARLY TIPPED  
19      EMPLOYEES FROM APPLYING A WAGE LESS THAN THE MINIMUM WAGE ONLY  
20      IF ALLOWED BY STATE LAW.

21           B. ANY MINIMUM WAGE ADOPTED BY A CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY  
22      SHALL BE ENFORCED SOLELY BY THE STATE AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE  
23      LEGISLATURE FOR WAGE ENFORCEMENT AND MAY NOT BE FURTHER  
24      ENFORCED BY A CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY.

25           C. THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT THE AUTHORITY OF A  
26      CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY TO SET WAGES OR BENEFITS FOR THE CITY'S,  
27      TOWN'S OR COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES OR OTHERWISE LIMIT THE AUTHORITY  
28      OF A CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR PERSONAL  
29      SERVICES.

30           2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the  
31      voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,  
32      Constitution of Arizona.