

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **General Assembly Compensation Commission – Rejection of**
3 **Recommendations**

4 FOR the purpose of rejecting, in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section
5 15 of the Maryland Constitution, certain items included in the Resolution of the
6 General Assembly Compensation Commission submitted and transmitted to the
7 General Assembly during the regular session of the General Assembly in 2014
8 relating to salaries for all members of the General Assembly, the per diem
9 allowance for meals, reimbursement for lodging expenses, and travel allowances
10 and reimbursements; providing that certain items of the Resolution of the
11 General Assembly Compensation Commission submitted and transmitted to the
12 General Assembly during the regular session of the General Assembly in 2014
13 relating to salaries for all members of the General Assembly, the per diem
14 allowance for meals, reimbursement for lodging expenses, and travel allowances
15 and reimbursements shall be void and provisions related to salaries, allowances,
16 and reimbursements shall be as provided in the Resolution of the General
17 Assembly Compensation Commission dated January 5, 2010, and transmitted to
18 the General Assembly on January 12, 2010, as amended by Joint Resolution 4 of
19 2010; and generally relating to the Resolution of the General Assembly
20 Compensation Commission submitted and transmitted to the General Assembly
21 during the regular session of the General Assembly in 2014.

22 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:**

23 (a) In accordance with the authority granted under Article III, Section 15 of
24 the Maryland Constitution, the General Assembly rejects the recommendations
25 included in the Resolution of the General Assembly Compensation Commission
26 submitted and transmitted to the General Assembly during the regular session of the
27 General Assembly in 2014 relating to raises of 15.7% over 4 years in the salaries for all
28 members of the General Assembly, whereby the salary is increased by \$1,707 each
29 year for 4 years for all legislators, except for the presiding officers who will receive an



1 annual increase of \$2,218 over the same period; potentially more favorable treatment
2 for the per diem allowance for meals and the reimbursement for lodging expenses; and
3 increases in the annual in-district travel allowances and reimbursements from \$500
4 to \$750; and

5 (b) Items of the Resolution of the General Assembly Compensation
6 Commission submitted and transmitted to the General Assembly during the regular
7 session of the General Assembly in 2014 relating to salaries for all members of the
8 General Assembly, the per diem allowance for meals, reimbursement for lodging
9 expenses, and travel allowances and reimbursements shall be void and provisions
10 related to salaries, allowances, and reimbursements shall be as provided in the
11 Resolution of the General Assembly Compensation Commission dated January 5,
12 2010, and transmitted to the General Assembly on January 12, 2010, as amended by
13 Joint Resolution 4 of 2010; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
15 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
16 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
17 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.