

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

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By: **The Speaker (By Request)**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2018

Assigned to: Appropriations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: February 22, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Judicial Compensation Commission – Recommendations**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the compensation of the members of the Judiciary in this
4 State in accordance with Section 1–708 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings
5 Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

6 WHEREAS, Section 1–708(b)(2) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the
7 Annotated Code of Maryland establishes a seven–member Judicial Compensation
8 Commission appointed by the Governor with two members appointed on nomination of the
9 President of the Senate, two members appointed on nomination of the Speaker of the House
10 of Delegates, one member appointed on nomination of the Maryland State Bar Association,
11 and two members appointed at large. The Judicial Compensation Commission is
12 constituted as follows: appointments made on the nomination of the President of the
13 Senate: Elizabeth Buck and Joshua Schmerling; appointments made on the nomination of
14 the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Norman Conway and Van Mitchell; appointment
15 made on the nomination of the Maryland State Bar Association: Edward Gilliss; and
16 appointments at large: John Suit II and Alice Pinderhughes. The Commission members
17 elected Elizabeth Buck to serve as the chair of the Commission. The Commission is charged
18 with reviewing the salaries of the judges of the Judiciary of Maryland and making written
19 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or after September 1, 2011,
20 September 1, 2013, and every 4 years thereafter; and

21 WHEREAS, Section 1–708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the
22 Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may amend this
23 Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission’s salary recommendations, but no
24 reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the judge’s continuance in office. The
25 General Assembly may not amend this Joint Resolution to increase these recommended

EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.



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1 salaries. Should the General Assembly not adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50
 2 days of its introduction, the salaries recommended herein shall apply during fiscal years
 3 2019 through 2022. Should the General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein
 4 recommended, the salaries of the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal
 5 years 2019 through 2022 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

6 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held several meetings in 2017
 7 (September and December) and considered many aspects and facets of judicial
 8 compensation. The Commission, by a vote of five or more of its members as required by §
 9 1-708(b)(7) of the Courts Article, has recommended an increase in judicial salaries for fiscal
 10 years 2019 through 2022; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after
 12 considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission, beginning
 13 July 1, 2018, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

14	Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
15	Court of Appeals		
16	Chief Judge	195,433	205,433 <u>200,433</u>
17	Associate Judge	176,433	186,433 <u>181,433</u>
18	Court of Special		
19	Appeals		
20	Chief Judge	166,633	176,633 <u>171,633</u>
21	Associate Judge	163,633	173,633 <u>168,633</u>
22	Circuit Courts		
23	Judge	154,433	164,433 <u>159,433</u>
24	District Court		
25	Chief Judge	163,633	173,633 <u>168,633</u>
26	Associate Judge	141,333	151,333 <u>146,333</u>

27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2019, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

29	Position	Proposed Salary
30	Court of Appeals	
31	Chief Judge	215,433 <u>205,433</u>
32	Associate Judge	196,433 <u>186,433</u>
33	Court of Special	
34	Appeals	
35	Chief Judge	186,633 <u>176,633</u>
36	Associate Judge	183,633 <u>173,633</u>
37	Circuit Courts	
38	Judge	174,433 <u>164,433</u>
39	District Court	

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1 Chief Judge ~~183,633~~ 173,633
 2 Associate Judge ~~161,333~~ 151,333;

3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2020, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

5	Position	Proposed Salary
6	Court of Appeals	
7	Chief Judge	222,933 <u>210,433</u>
8	Associate Judge	203,933 <u>191,433</u>
9	Court of Special	
10	Appeals	
11	Chief Judge	194,133 <u>181,633</u>
12	Associate Judge	191,133 <u>178,633</u>
13	Circuit Courts	
14	Judge	181,933 <u>169,433</u>
15	District Court	
16	Chief Judge	191,133 <u>178,633</u>
17	Associate Judge	168,833 <u>156,333</u> ;

18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2021, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

20	Position	Proposed Salary
21	Court of Appeals	
22	Chief Judge	230,433 <u>215,433</u>
23	Associate Judge	211,433 <u>196,433</u>
24	Court of Special	
25	Appeals	
26	Chief Judge	201,633 <u>186,633</u>
27	Associate Judge	198,633 <u>183,633</u>
28	Circuit Courts	
29	Chief Judge	189,433 <u>174,433</u>
30	District Court	
31	Chief Judge	198,633 <u>183,633</u>
32	Associate Judge	176,333 <u>161,333</u> .

33 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
 34 Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the
 35 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and Honorable
 36 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.