

Joint Resolution 3

(House Joint Resolution 3)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Judicial Compensation Commission – Recommendations

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 1–708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may amend this Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission’s salary recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the judge’s continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction, the salaries recommended herein shall apply during fiscal years 2019 through 2022. Should the General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal years 2019 through 2022 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

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

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

Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals		
Chief Judge	195,433	205,433 <u>200,433</u>
Associate Judge	176,433	186,433 <u>181,433</u>
Court of Special Appeals		
Chief Judge	166,633	176,633 <u>171,633</u>
Associate Judge	163,633	173,633 <u>168,633</u>
Circuit Courts		
Judge	154,433	164,433 <u>159,433</u>
District Court		
Chief Judge	163,633	173,633 <u>168,633</u>
Associate Judge	141,333	151,333 <u>146,333</u> ;

and be it further

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

Position	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals	
Chief Judge	215,433 <u>205,433</u>
Associate Judge	196,433 <u>186,433</u>
Court of Special Appeals	
Chief Judge	186,633 <u>176,633</u>
Associate Judge	183,633 <u>173,633</u>
Circuit Courts	
Judge	174,433 <u>164,433</u>
District Court	
Chief Judge	183,633 <u>173,633</u>
Associate Judge	161,333 <u>151,333</u> ;

and be it further

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

Position	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals	
Chief Judge	222,033 <u>210,433</u>

Associate Judge	203,933	<u>191,433</u>
Court of Special Appeals		
Chief Judge	194,133	<u>181,633</u>
Associate Judge	191,133	<u>178,633</u>
Circuit Courts		
Judge	181,933	<u>169,433</u>
District Court		
Chief Judge	191,133	<u>178,633</u>
Associate Judge	168,833	<u>156,333;</u>

and be it further

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

Position	Proposed Salary	
Court of Appeals		
Chief Judge	230,433	<u>215,433</u>
Associate Judge	211,433	<u>196,433</u>
Court of Special Appeals		
Chief Judge	201,633	<u>186,633</u>
Associate Judge	198,633	<u>183,633</u>
Circuit Courts		
Chief Judge	189,433	<u>174,433</u>
District Court		
Chief Judge	198,633	<u>183,633</u>
Associate Judge	176,333	<u>161,333.</u>

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

Signed by the President and the Speaker, May 26, 2018.