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By: The Speaker (Judicial Compensation Commission)

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RESOLUTION NO.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ____

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Judicial Compensation Commission Report**

3 FOR the purpose of proposing an alteration to the compensation of the members of the

4 Judiciary in this State, pursuant to Section 1-708 of the Courts and Judicial

5 Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

6 WHEREAS, Section 1-708(b)(2) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of

7 the Annotated Code of Maryland establishes a 7-member Judicial Compensation

8 Commission appointed by the Governor with 2 members appointed on nomination of the

9 President of the Senate, 2 members appointed on nomination of the Speaker of the

10 House of Delegates, 1 member appointed on nomination of the Maryland Bar

11 Association, and 2 members appointed at large. The Judicial Compensation Commission

12 is constituted as follows: appointments made on the nomination of the President of the

13 Senate: John Paterakis and Elizabeth Buck; appointments made on the nomination of the

14 Speaker of the House of Delegates: Bruce A. Kaufman and Charles R. Jenkins, Sr.;

15 appointment made on the nomination of the Maryland Bar Association: J. Michael

16 Conroy, Jr.; appointments at large: Elizabeth S. Morrison and Alice G. Pinderhughes.

17 The Commission members elected Bruce A. Kaufman, Chairman; and

18 WHEREAS, Section 1-708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the

19 Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may amend this

20 Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission's salary recommendations, but no

21 reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during his continuance in office. The

22 General Assembly may not amend this Joint Resolution to increase these recommended

23 salaries. Should the General Assembly not adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within

24 50 days of its introduction, the salaries recommended herein shall apply during Fiscal

25 Year 1998. Should the General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein

26 recommended, the salaries of the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during Fiscal

27 Year 1998 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

1 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held several meetings
2 between December of 1996 and January of 1997. It met with numerous persons, including
3 legislators, executive officials, bar associations, and judges. The Commission considered
4 many aspects and facets of judicial compensation. The Commission by a vote of 5 or more
5 of its members has recommended judicial salaries for Fiscal Year 1998; now, therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after
8 considering recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission, beginning July
9 1, 1997, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

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21 <Tc03 >~~\$133,500~~

22 <Tc03 >\$124,500

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53 <Tc03 >~~\$109,300~~

54 <Tc03 >\$100,300

55 <Tr01 > Associate Judge

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57 <Tc03 > ~~98,200~~

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58 <Tc03 > 89,200

59 END-TABLE

60 For Fiscal Year 1998, these salaries include any general salary increase attributable
61 to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.