

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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By: The President (Judicial Compensation Commission)

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1 A Senate 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

28 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held several meetings
29 between December of 1996 and January of 1997. It met with numerous persons, including
30 legislators, executive officials, bar associations, and judges. The Commission considered
31 many aspects and facets of judicial compensation. The Commission by a vote of 5 or more
32 of its members has recommended judicial salaries for Fiscal Year 1998; now, therefore, be
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34 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,** That after
35 considering recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission, beginning July

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1 1, 1997, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

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4 <Tc02 >Current Salary

5 <Tc03 >Proposed Salary

6 <Tr01 >

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8 <Tc03 >

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11 <Tr01 > Chief Judge

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13 <Tc03 >\$133,500

14 <Tr01 > Associate Judge

15 <Tc02 > 107,300

16 <Tc03 > 116,300

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19 <Tr01 >Court of Special Appeals

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24 <Tr01 > Associate Judge

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26 <Tc03 > 109,300

27 <Tr01 >

28 <Tc02 >

29 <Tr01 >Circuit Courts

30 <Tc02 >

31 <Tr01 > Judge

32 <Tc02 >\$96,500

33 <Tc03 >\$105,500

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36 <Tr01 >District Court

37 <Tc02 >

38 <Tr01 > Chief Judge

39 <Tc02 >\$100,300

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41 <Tr01 > Associate Judge

42 <Tc02 > 89,200

43 <Tc03 > 98,200

44 END-TABLE

45 For Fiscal Year 1998, these salaries include any general salary increase attributable

46 to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.