
By: **The Speaker (Judicial Compensation Commission)**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judicial Compensation Commission - Time Period for Action on Joint**
3 **Resolution**

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying the time period within which the General Assembly
5 must act on a joint resolution incorporating the recommendations of the Judicial
6 Compensation Commission if the joint resolution is introduced in each House of
7 the General Assembly on different days; and generally relating to General
8 Assembly action on recommendations made by the Judicial Compensation
9 Commission.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 1-708(d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

18 1-708.

19 (d) (1) The salary recommendations made by the Commission shall be
20 introduced as a joint resolution in each House of the General Assembly not later than
21 the fifteenth day of the session. The General Assembly may amend the joint
22 resolution to decrease any of the Commission salary recommendations, but no
23 reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during his continuance in office. The
24 General Assembly may not amend the joint resolution to increase the recommended
25 salaries. If the General Assembly fails to adopt or amend the joint resolution within
26 50 days after its introduction, OR, IF THE JOINT RESOLUTION IS INTRODUCED IN
27 EACH HOUSE ON DIFFERENT DAYS, WITHIN 50 DAYS AFTER THE LATER
28 INTRODUCTION, the salaries recommended by the Commission shall apply. If the joint
29 resolution is adopted or amended in accordance with this section within 50 days after
30 its introduction, OR, IF THE JOINT RESOLUTION IS INTRODUCED IN EACH HOUSE ON

1 DIFFERENT DAYS, WITHIN 50 DAYS AFTER THE LATER INTRODUCTION, the salaries so
2 provided shall apply. If the General Assembly rejects any or all of the Commission's
3 salary recommendations, the salaries of the judges affected remain unchanged, unless
4 modified under other provisions of law.

5 (2) The Governor or the General Assembly may not increase the
6 recommended salaries, except as provided under § 1-703(b) of this article.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 1998.