

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

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By: **The President (Governor's Salary Commission)**

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Governor's Salary Commission - Salary Recommendations for Governor and**
3 **Lieutenant Governor**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the salaries to be paid the Governor and Lieutenant
5 Governor, as directed by Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, for
6 the 4-year term of office beginning January 20, 1999.

7 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution established a
8 seven member Governor's Salary Commission comprised of the State Treasurer, three
9 members appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members appointed by
10 the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Governor's Salary Commission is
11 currently constituted as follows: Richard N. Dixon, State Treasurer; Edward G.
12 Banks, Jr., Ken Reichard, Dr. Ralph E. Updike appointed by the President of the
13 Senate; Dr. Neil W. Brayton, David Deger, George L. Russell, Jr. appointed by the
14 Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Commission elected George L. Russell, Jr. as
15 Chairman; and

16 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution,
17 this Joint Resolution may be amended to decrease, but not increase, the salaries
18 recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission. The salaries may not be
19 decreased below their January, 1998 levels. If the General Assembly fails to adopt a
20 Joint Resolution in accordance with Article II, Section 21A within 50 calendar days
21 after introduction of this Joint Resolution, the salaries recommended by the
22 Governor's Salary Commission shall apply effective January 20, 1999. If the General
23 Assembly amends the Joint Resolution, the salaries specified in the Joint Resolution,
24 as amended, shall apply; and

25 WHEREAS, At three meetings, conducted from October through December,
26 1997, the Commission evaluated gubernatorial compensation relative to a number of
27 principles: growth in the responsibilities of the office, compensation commensurate

1 with the stature of this high office, changes in the cost of living, maintenance of a
2 reasonable differential between the Governor's salary and of other major State
3 officials in Maryland, and acceptable comparability with salaries of the governors of
4 other states. The Commission selected tentative salaries for the two offices and
5 solicited public views regarding its proposals. Thereafter, the Commission made its
6 final determinations which are presented in this Resolution and discussed in the
7 Commission's Report, dated January 1998; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That pursuant
9 to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, the annual salaries
10 recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission be adopted as follows, to be
11 effective January 20, 1999, for the 4-year term of office:

12 Governor, ~~\$135,000~~ \$120,000; and

13 Lieutenant Governor, ~~\$115,000~~ \$100,000; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Parris N.
15 Glendening, Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, and Frederick W.
16 Puddester, Secretary of Budget and Management.