

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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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
4 the 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
7 of the Annotated Code of Maryland establishes a 7-member Judicial Compensation
8 Commission appointed by the Governor with 2 members appointed on nomination of
9 the President of the Senate, 2 members appointed on nomination of the Speaker of
10 the House of Delegates, 1 member appointed on nomination of the Maryland State
11 Bar Association, and 2 members appointed at large. The Judicial Compensation
12 Commission is constituted as follows: appointments made on the nomination of the
13 President of the Senate: John Paterakis and Elizabeth Buck Behney; appointments
14 made on the nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Laurence Levitan
15 and Charles R. Jenkins, Sr.; appointment made on the nomination of the Maryland
16 Bar Association: J. Michael Conroy, Jr.; appointments at large: Elizabeth S. Morrison
17 and Alice G. Pinderhughes. The Commission members elected Laurence Levitan
18 Chairman; and

19 WHEREAS, Section 1-708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of
20 the Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may
21 amend this Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission's salary
22 recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the
23 judge's continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint
24 Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not
25 adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction, the salaries
26 recommended herein shall apply during Fiscal Year 1999. Should the General
27 Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of the
28 judges so affected shall remain unchanged during Fiscal Year 1999 unless modified
29 under other provisions of the law; and

30 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held several meetings in
31 November and December 1997. The Commission considered many aspects and facets
32 of judicial compensation. The Commission by a vote of 5 or more of its members has
33 recommended judicial salaries for Fiscal Year 1999; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after
 2 considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission,
 3 beginning July 1, 1998, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

4 Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
5 Court of Appeals		
6 Chief Judge	\$124,500	\$135,775
7 Associate Judge	107,300	118,575
8 Court of Special Appeals		
9 Chief Judge	\$103,000	\$114,275
10 Associate Judge	100,300	111,575
11 Circuit Courts		
12 Judge	\$96,500	\$107,775
13 District Court		
14 Chief Judge	\$100,300	\$111,575
15 Associate Judge	89,200	100,475

16 For Fiscal Year 1999, these salaries include any general salary increase
 17 attributable to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 18 Article.