

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

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ENROLLED RESOLUTION
-- Appropriations/Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings --

Introduced by **The Speaker (Judicial Compensation Commission)**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Judicial Compensation Commission Report**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~proposing an alteration to the compensation of~~ providing that the
4 members of the Judiciary in this State, ~~pursuant to Section 1-708 of the Courts~~
5 ~~and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland~~ shall receive
6 a general salary increase on a certain date if a general salary increase is provided
7 to State employees in certain fiscal years; and generally relating to judicial
8 compensation.

9 WHEREAS, Section 1-708(b)(2) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article
10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland establishes a 7-member Judicial Compensation
11 Commission appointed by the Governor with 2 members appointed on nomination of
12 the President of the Senate, 2 members appointed on nomination of the Speaker of
13 the House of Delegates, 1 member appointed on nomination of the Maryland State
14 Bar Association, and 2 members appointed at large. The Judicial Compensation
15 Commission is constituted as follows: appointments made on the nomination of the
16 President of the Senate: John Paterakis and Elizabeth Buck Behney; appointments
17 made on the nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Laurence Levitan
18 and Charles R. Jenkins, Sr.; appointment made on the nomination of the Maryland
19 Bar Association: J. Michael Conroy, Jr.; appointments at large: Elizabeth S. Morrison

1 and Alice G. Pinderhughes. The Commission members elected Laurence Levitan
2 Chairman; and

3 WHEREAS, Section 1-708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of
4 the Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may
5 amend this Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission's salary
6 recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the
7 judge's continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint
8 Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not
9 adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction, the salaries
10 recommended herein shall apply during fiscal year 2001. Should the General
11 Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of the
12 judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal year 2001 unless modified
13 under other provisions of the law; and

14 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held several meetings in
15 November and December 1999. The Commission considered many aspects and facets
16 of judicial compensation. The Commission by a vote of 5 or more of its members has
17 recommended judicial salaries for fiscal year 2001; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after
19 considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission,
20 beginning July 1, 2000, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

21	Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
22	Court of Appeals Chief Judge	\$139,200	\$149,200 <u>\$144,800</u>
23			<u>\$139,200</u>
24	__Associate Judge	121,600	131,600 <u>126,500</u>
25			<u>121,600</u>
26	Court of Special Appeals		
27	Chief Judge	\$117,200	\$127,200 <u>\$121,900</u>
28			<u>\$117,200</u>
29	__Associate Judge	114,400	124,400 <u>119,000</u>
30			<u>114,400</u>
31	Circuit Courts		
32	Judge	\$110,500	\$120,500 <u>115,000</u>
33			<u>\$110,500</u>
34	District Court		
35	Chief Judge	\$114,400	\$124,400 <u>\$119,000</u>
36			<u>\$114,400</u>
37	__Associate Judge	103,000	113,000 <u>107,200</u>
38			<u>103,000</u>

1 For fiscal year 2001, these salaries include any general salary increase
 2 attributable to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 3 ~~Article; and be it further~~

4 ~~RESOLVED. That after considering the recommendations of the Judicial~~
 5 ~~Compensation Commission, beginning July 1, 2001, judicial salaries shall be as~~
 6 ~~follows:~~

7 ~~— Position Current Salary Proposed Salary~~

8 ~~Court of Appeals~~

9 ~~— Chief Judge — \$139,200 — \$150,600~~

10 ~~— Associate Judge — 121,600 131,600~~

11 ~~Court of Special Appeals~~

12 ~~— Chief Judge — \$117,200 — \$126,800~~

13 ~~— Associate Judge — 114,400 123,800~~

14 ~~Circuit Courts~~

15 ~~— Judge — \$110,500 — \$119,600~~

16 ~~District Court~~

17 ~~— Chief Judge — \$114,400 — \$123,800~~

18 ~~— Associate Judge — 103,000 111,500~~

19 For fiscal year 2002, these salaries include any general salary increase
 20 attributable to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 21 ~~Article.~~

22 *If a general salary increase is awarded to State employees in fiscal years 2001*
 23 *and 2002, each judge shall receive the general salary increase in accordance with §*
 24 *1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article on the same date the increase*
 25 *is effective for State employees.*