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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 2001. 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 2001 unless modified  
29 under other provisions of the law; and

30 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held several meetings in  
31 November and December 1999. 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 2001; now, therefore, be it

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

4 Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
5 Court of Appeals		
6 Chief Judge	\$139,200	\$149,200
7 Associate Judge	121,600	131,600
8 Court of Special Appeals		
9 Chief Judge	\$117,200	\$127,200
10 Associate Judge	114,400	124,400
11 Circuit Courts		
12 Judge	\$110,500	\$120,500
13 District Court		
14 Chief Judge	\$114,400	\$124,400
15 Associate Judge	103,000	113,000

16 For fiscal year 2001, these salaries include any general salary increase  
17 attributable to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
18 Article.