

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

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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~~ 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~~
6 receive a general salary increase on a certain date if a general salary increase is
7 provided to State employees in certain fiscal years; and generally relating to
8 judicial 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
20 and Alice G. Pinderhughes. The Commission members elected Laurence Levitan
21 Chairman; and

22 WHEREAS, Section 1-708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of
23 the Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may
24 amend this Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission's salary
25 recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the
26 judge's continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint
27 Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not

1 adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction, the salaries
 2 recommended herein shall apply during fiscal year 2001. Should the General
 3 Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of the
 4 judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal year 2001 unless modified
 5 under other provisions of the law; and

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

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

13	Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
14	Court of Appeals		
15	Chief Judge	\$139,200	\$149,200 <u>\$139,200</u>
16	Associate Judge	121,600	131,600 <u>121,600</u>
17	Court of Special Appeals		
18	Chief Judge	\$117,200	\$127,200 <u>\$117,200</u>
19	Associate Judge	114,400	124,400 <u>114,400</u>
20	Circuit Courts		
21	Judge	\$110,500	\$120,500 <u>\$110,500</u>
22	District Court		
23	Chief Judge	\$114,400	\$124,400 <u>\$114,400</u>
24	Associate Judge	103,000	113,000 <u>103,000</u>

25 ~~For fiscal year 2001, these salaries include any general salary increase~~
 26 ~~attributable to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings~~
 27 ~~Article~~ If a general salary increase is awarded to State employees in fiscal years 2001
 28 and 2002, each judge shall receive the general salary increase in accordance with §
 29 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article on the same date the increase
 30 is effective for State employees.