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By: **The Speaker (Judicial Compensation Commission)**

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Judicial Compensation Commission Report**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~proposing an alteration to~~ providing for the compensation of 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.

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; appointments made on
14 the nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Laurence Levitan and
15 Charles R. Jenkins, Sr.; appointment made on the nomination of the Maryland Bar
16 Association: J. Michael Conroy, Jr.; appointments at large: Annette Funn and Alice G.
17 Pinderhughes. The Commission members elected Laurence Levitan Chairman; and

18 WHEREAS, Section 1-708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of
19 the Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may
20 amend this Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission's salary
21 recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the
22 judge's continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint
23 Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not
24 adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction, the salaries
25 recommended herein shall apply during fiscal year 2003. Should the General
26 Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of the

1 judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal year 2003 unless modified
 2 under other provisions of the law; and

3 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held one meeting on
 4 December 13, 2001. The Commission considered many aspects and facets of judicial
 5 compensation. The Commission by a unanimous vote of its members has
 6 recommended judicial salaries for fiscal year 2003; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after
 8 considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission,
 9 beginning January 1, 2003, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

10 Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
11 Court of Appeals		
12 Chief Judge	\$150,600	\$158,200 <u>\$150,600</u>
13 Associate Judge	131,600	138,200 <u>131,600</u>
14 Court of Special Appeals		
15 Chief Judge	\$126,800	\$133,200 <u>\$126,800</u>
16 Associate Judge	123,800	130,000 <u>123,800</u>
17 Circuit Courts		
18 Judge	\$119,600	\$125,600 <u>\$119,600</u>
19 District Court		
20 Chief Judge	\$123,800	\$130,000 <u>\$123,800</u>
21 Associate Judge	111,500	117,100 <u>111,500</u>

22 For fiscal year 2003, these salaries are in addition to any general salary increase
 23 attributable to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 24 Article.