

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

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By: **The Speaker (By Request - 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 seven-member Judicial  
8 Compensation Commission appointed by the Governor with two members appointed  
9 on nomination of the President of the Senate, two members appointed on nomination  
10 of the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one member appointed on nomination of the  
11 Maryland State Bar Association, and two members appointed at large. The Judicial  
12 Compensation Commission is constituted as follows: appointments made on the  
13 nomination of the President of the Senate: John Paterakis and Elizabeth Buck;  
14 appointments made on the nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates:  
15 Laurence Levitan and Charles R. Jenkins, Sr.; appointment made on the nomination  
16 of the Maryland State Bar Association: J. Michael Conroy, Jr.; appointments at large:  
17 Annette J. Funn and Alice G. Pinderhughes. The Commission members elected  
18 Laurence Levitan 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 years 2005 through 2008. Should the  
27 General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of

1 the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal years 2005 ~~through 2008~~  
 2 and 2006 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

3 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held two meetings in  
 4 October and December 2003. The Commission considered many aspects and facets of  
 5 judicial compensation. The Commission by a vote of five or more of its members has  
 6 recommended judicial salaries for fiscal years 2005 through 2008; 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 July 1, 2004, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

10 Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
11 Court of Appeals		
12 Chief Judge	150,600	<del>155,100</del>
13		<u>150,600</u>
14 Associate Judge	131,600	<del>136,100</del>
15		<u>131,600</u>
16 Court of Special Appeals		
17 Chief Judge	126,800	<del>130,550</del>
18		<u>126,800</u>
19 Associate Judge	123,800	<del>127,550</del>
20		<u>123,800</u>
21 Circuit Courts		
22 Judge	119,600	<del>122,600</del>
23		<u>119,600</u>
24 District Court		
25 Chief Judge	123,800	<del>127,550</del>
26		<u>123,800</u>
27 Associate Judge	111,500	<del>113,750</del>
28		<u>111,500;</u>

29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2005, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

31 Position	Proposed Salary
32 Court of Appeals	
33 Chief Judge	<del>162,600</del>
34	<u>150,600</u>
35 Associate Judge	<del>143,600</del>
36	<u>131,600</u>
37 Court of Special Appeals	
38 Chief Judge	<del>136,800</del>
39	<u>126,800</u>
40 Associate Judge	<del>133,800</del>
41	<u>123,800</u>
42 Circuit Courts	

1	Judge	<del>127,600</del>
2		<del>119,600</del>
3	District Court	
4	Chief Judge	<del>133,800</del>
5		<del>123,800</del>
6	Associate Judge	<del>117,500;</del>
7		<del>111,500.</del>

8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2006, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

10 Position \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Salary

11	Court of Appeals	
12	Chief Judge _____	171,600
13	Associate Judge _____	152,600
14	Court of Special Appeals	
15	Chief Judge _____	144,300
16	Associate Judge _____	141,300
17	Circuit Courts	
18	Judge _____	133,600
19	District Court	
20	Chief Judge _____	141,300
21	Associate Judge _____	122,000;

22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2007, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

24 Position \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Salary

25	Court of Appeals	
26	Chief Judge _____	180,600
27	Associate Judge _____	161,600
28	Court of Special Appeals	
29	Chief Judge _____	151,800
30	Associate Judge _____	148,800
31	Circuit Courts	
32	Judge _____	139,600
33	District Court	
34	Chief Judge _____	148,800
35	Associate Judge _____	126,500.

36 For fiscal year 2005, these salaries include These salaries are subject to any  
37 general salary increase attributable to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and  
38 Judicial Proceedings Article.

