

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

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By: **The President (By Request - 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~~ 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	155,100 <u>150,600</u>
13 ___Associate Judge	131,600	136,100 <u>131,600</u>
14 Court of Special Appeals		
15 Chief Judge	126,800	130,550 <u>126,800</u>
16 ___Associate Judge	123,800	127,550 <u>123,800</u>
17 Circuit Courts		
18 Judge	119,600	122,600 <u>119,600</u>
19 District Court		
20 Chief Judge	123,800	127,550 <u>123,800</u>
21 ___Associate Judge	111,500	113,750 <u>111,500</u>

22 and be it further

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

24 Position	Proposed Salary
25 Court of Appeals	
26 Chief Judge	162,600 <u>150,600</u>
27 ___Associate Judge	143,600 <u>131,600</u>
28 Court of Special Appeals	
29 Chief Judge	136,800 <u>126,800</u>
30 ___Associate Judge	133,800 <u>123,800</u>
31 Circuit Courts	
32 Judge	127,600 <u>119,600</u>
33 District Court	
34 Chief Judge	133,800 <u>123,800</u>
35 ___Associate Judge	117,500 ; <u>111,500.</u>

36 and be it further

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

38 Position	Proposed Salary
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39 ~~Court of Appeals~~

40 Chief Judge	171,600
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1 Associate Judge _____ 152,600
 2 ~~Court of Special Appeals~~
 3 Chief Judge _____ 144,300
 4 ~~Associate Judge _____ 141,300~~
 5 Circuit Courts
 6 Judge _____ 133,600
 7 ~~District Court~~
 8 Chief Judge _____ 141,300
 9 ~~Associate Judge _____ 122,000;~~

10 and be it further

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

12 ~~Position _____ Proposed Salary~~

13 ~~Court of Appeals~~
 14 Chief Judge _____ 180,600
 15 ~~Associate Judge _____ 161,600~~
 16 ~~Court of Special Appeals~~
 17 Chief Judge _____ 151,800
 18 ~~Associate Judge _____ 148,800~~
 19 ~~Circuit Courts~~
 20 Judge _____ 139,600
 21 ~~District Court~~
 22 Chief Judge _____ 148,800
 23 ~~Associate Judge _____ 126,500.~~

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