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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judicial Salaries - Cost of Living Adjustments**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting judges from receiving certain salary increases under  
4 certain circumstances; and generally relating to judicial salaries.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
7 Section 1-703  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

13 1-703.

14 (a) Title 8, Subtitle 1 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article applies to  
15 judicial salaries, except for the provisions of § 8-108(c) of the State Personnel and  
16 Pensions Article.

17 (b) (1) [Whenever] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
18 SUBSECTION, WHENEVER a general salary increase is awarded to State employees,  
19 each judge shall receive the same percentage increase in salary as awarded to the  
20 lowest step of the highest salary grade for employees in the Standard Pay Plan.

21 (2) IN ANY YEAR THAT JUDICIAL SALARIES ARE INCREASED IN  
22 ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION UNDER § 1-708 OF THIS SUBTITLE, JUDGES MAY  
23 NOT RECEIVE A SALARY INCREASE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 July 1, 2005.