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

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Judicial Compensation Commission Report**

3 FOR the purpose of proposing an alteration to the compensation of the members of
4 the Judiciary in this State, pursuant to Section 1-708 of the Courts and Judicial
5 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 2006 through 2009. Should the
27 General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of
28 the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal years 2006 through 2009
29 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

30 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held two meetings in
31 October and December 2003. The Commission considered many aspects and facets of
32 judicial compensation. The Commission did not meet in 2004, but each member
33 signed a statement in December 2004 ratifying the recommendations made in the
34 Commission's January 2004 report. The Commission by a vote of five or more of its

1 members has recommended judicial salaries for fiscal years 2006 through 2009; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after
4 considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission,
5 beginning July 1, 2005, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

6 Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
7 Court of Appeals		
8 Chief Judge	151,352	155,852
9 Associate Judge	132,352	136,852
10 Court of Special Appeals		
11 Chief Judge	127,552	131,302
12 Associate Judge	124,552	128,302
13 Circuit Courts		
14 Judge	120,352	123,352
15 District Court		
16 Chief Judge	124,552	128,302
17 Associate Judge	112,252	114,502;

18 and be it further

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

20 Position	Proposed Salary
21 Court of Appeals	
22 Chief Judge	163,352
23 Associate Judge	144,352
24 Court of Special Appeals	
25 Chief Judge	137,552
26 Associate Judge	134,552
27 Circuit Courts	
28 Judge	128,352
29 District Court	
30 Chief Judge	134,552
31 Associate Judge	118,502;

32 and be it further

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

34 Position	Proposed Salary
35 Court of Appeals	
36 Chief Judge	172,352
37 Associate Judge	153,352
38 Court of Special Appeals	
39 Chief Judge	145,052
40 Associate Judge	142,052
41 Circuit Courts	

1	Judge	134,352
2	<Tr>District Court	
3	Chief Judge	142,052
4	Associate Judge	122,752;

5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2008, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

7	Position	Proposed Salary
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8	Court of Appeals	
9	Chief Judge	181,352
10	Associate Judge	162,352
11	Court of Special Appeals	
12	Chief Judge	152,552
13	Associate Judge	149,552
14	Circuit Courts	
15	Judge	140,352
16	District Court	
17	Chief Judge	149,552
18	Associate Judge	127,252.

19 For fiscal year 2006, these salaries include any general salary increase
 20 attributable to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 21 Article.