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

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

1 the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal years 2006 through 2009
 2 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 did not meet in 2004, but each member
 6 signed a statement in December 2004 ratifying the recommendations made in the
 7 Commission's January 2004 report. The Commission by a vote of five or more of its
 8 members has recommended judicial salaries for fiscal years 2006 through 2009; now,
 9 therefore, be it

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

13 Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
14 Court of Appeals		
15 Chief Judge	151,352	155,852 <u>153,852</u>
16 Associate Judge	132,352	136,852 <u>134,852</u>
17 Court of Special Appeals		
18 Chief Judge	127,552	131,302 <u>130,052</u>
19 Associate Judge	124,552	128,302 <u>127,052</u>
20 Circuit Courts		
21 Judge	120,352	123,352
22 District Court		
23 Chief Judge	124,552	128,302 <u>127,052</u>
24 Associate Judge	112,252	114,502;

25 and be it further

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

27 Position	Proposed Salary
28 Court of Appeals	
29 Chief Judge	163,352 <u>156,352</u>
30 Associate Judge	144,352 <u>137,352</u>
31 Court of Special Appeals	
32 Chief Judge	137,552 <u>132,552</u>
33 Associate Judge	134,552 <u>129,552</u>
34 Circuit Courts	
35 Judge	128,352 <u>126,352</u>
36 District Court	
37 Chief Judge	134,552 <u>129,552</u>
38 Associate Judge	118,502 <u>117,252</u> ;

39 and be it further

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

41 Position	Proposed Salary
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1	Court of Appeals	
2	Chief Judge	172,352 - <u>158,852</u>
3	Associate Judge	153,352 - <u>139,852</u>
4	Court of Special Appeals	
5	Chief Judge	145,052 - <u>135,052</u>
6	Associate Judge	142,052 - <u>132,052</u>
7	Circuit Courts	
8	Judge	134,352 - <u>129,352</u>
9	District Court	
10	Chief Judge	142,052 - <u>132,052</u>
11	Associate Judge	122,752 - <u>120,252</u> ;

12 and be it further

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

14	Position	Proposed Salary
15	Court of Appeals	
16	Chief Judge	181,352 - <u>161,352</u>
17	Associate Judge	162,352 - <u>142,352</u>
18	Court of Special Appeals	
19	Chief Judge	152,552 - <u>137,552</u>
20	Associate Judge	149,552 - <u>134,552</u>
21	Circuit Courts	
22	Judge	140,352 - <u>132,352</u>
23	District Court	
24	Chief Judge	149,552 - <u>134,552</u>
25	Associate Judge	127,252 - <u>124,252</u> .

26 For fiscal ~~year~~ years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009, these salaries include any
 27 general salary increase attributable to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and
 28 Judicial Proceedings Article.