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

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Rules suspended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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.