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

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate 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	<del>155,852</del> – <u>152,852</u>
16 Associate Judge	132,352	<del>136,852</del> – <u>133,852</u>
17 Court of Special Appeals		
18 Chief Judge	127,552	<del>131,302</del> – <u>129,052</u>
19 Associate Judge	124,552	<del>128,302</del> – <u>126,352</u>
20 Circuit Courts		
21 Judge	120,352	<del>123,352</del> – <u>122,452</u>
22 District Court		
23 Chief Judge	124,552	<del>128,302</del> – <u>126,352</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	<del>163,352</del> – <u>155,352</u>
30 Associate Judge	<del>144,352</del> – <u>136,352</u>
31 Court of Special Appeals	
32 Chief Judge	<del>137,552</del> – <u>132,052</u>
33 Associate Judge	<del>134,552</del> – <u>129,352</u>
34 Circuit Courts	
35 Judge	<del>128,352</del> – <u>125,952</u>
36 District Court	
37 Chief Judge	<del>134,552</del> – <u>129,352</u>
38 Associate Judge	118,502;

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	<del>172,352</del> – <u>158,352</u>
3	Associate Judge	<del>153,352</del> – <u>139,352</u>
4	Court of Special Appeals	
5	Chief Judge	<del>145,052</del> – <u>135,652</u>
6	Associate Judge	<del>142,052</del> – <u>132,952</u>
7	Circuit Courts	
8	Judge	<del>134,352</del> – <u>130,152</u>
9	District Court	
10	Chief Judge	<del>142,052</del> – <u>132,952</u>
11	Associate Judge	122,752;

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	<del>181,352</del> – <u>161,352</u>
17	Associate Judge	<del>162,352</del> – <u>142,352</u>
18	Court of Special Appeals	
19	Chief Judge	<del>152,552</del> – <u>139,552</u>
20	Associate Judge	<del>149,552</del> – <u>136,552</u>
21	Circuit Courts	
22	Judge	<del>140,352</del> – <u>134,352</u>
23	District Court	
24	Chief Judge	<del>149,552</del> – <u>136,552</u>
25	Associate Judge	127,252.

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