

Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Joint Resolution 6 (Senator Mooney, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Support for the President's Nominees to the United States Supreme Court

This joint resolution requests the U.S. Senators from Maryland to provide a timely floor vote in the U.S. Senate for each nominee to the office of Associate Justice or Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, if the occasion arises.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Compliance with this resolution would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: All judges of the Supreme Court are nominated by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Background: There are nine Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. **Exhibit 1** shows the age of each Justice, and the year of his or her appointment.

Exhibit 1
Supreme Court Justices

<u>Justice</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Year of Appointment</u>
Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist	80	1972
Justice John Paul Stevens	84	1975
Justice Sandra Day O'Connor	74	1981
Justice Antonin Scalia	68	1986
Justice Anthony Kennedy	68	1988
Justice David Souter	65	1990
Justice Clarence Thomas	56	1991
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg	71	1993
Justice Steven Breyer	66	1994

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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