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By: **The Speaker (Governor's Salary Commission)**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Governor's Salary Commission - Salary Recommendations for Governor and**
3 **Lieutenant Governor**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the salaries to be paid the Governor and Lieutenant
5 Governor, as directed by Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, for
6 the 4-year term of office beginning January 17, 2007.

7 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution established a
8 seven member Governor's Salary Commission comprised of the State Treasurer, three
9 members appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members appointed by
10 the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Governor's Salary Commission is
11 currently constituted as follows: Nancy K. Kopp, State Treasurer; Barry Gossett,
12 Robert R. Neall, and James L. Shea appointed by the President of the Senate; John
13 Dillon, George L. Russell, Jr., and Albert (Buz) Winchester III appointed by the
14 Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Commission elected George L. Russell, Jr. as
15 Chairman; and

16 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution,
17 this Joint Resolution may be amended to decrease, but not increase, the salaries
18 recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission. The salaries may not be
19 decreased below their January 2006 levels. If the General Assembly fails to adopt a
20 Joint Resolution in accordance with Article II, Section 21A within 50 calendar days
21 after introduction of this Joint Resolution, the salaries recommended by the
22 Governor's Salary Commission shall apply effective January 17, 2007. If the General
23 Assembly amends this Joint Resolution, the salaries specified in the Joint Resolution,
24 as amended, shall apply; and

25 WHEREAS, At the meetings, conducted from November through December
26 2005, the Commission evaluated gubernatorial compensation relative to a number of
27 principles: growth in the responsibilities of the office, compensation commensurate
28 with the stature of this high office, changes in the cost of living, maintenance of a
29 reasonable differential between the Governor's salary and of other major State
30 officials in Maryland, and acceptable comparability with salaries of the governors of
31 other states. The Commission selected tentative salaries for the two offices and
32 solicited public views regarding its proposals. Thereafter, the Commission made its
33 final determinations which are presented in this Resolution and discussed in the
34 Commission's Report, dated January 2006; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That pursuant
2 to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, the annual salaries
3 recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission be adopted as follows, to be
4 effective January 17, 2007, for the 4-year term of office:

5 Governor:

6 For the first year, \$155,000;

7 For the second year, \$160,000;

8 For the third year, \$165,000; and

9 For the fourth year, \$170,000; and

10 Lieutenant Governor:

11 For the first year, \$129,167;

12 For the second year, \$133,333;

13 For the third year, \$137,500; and

14 For the fourth year, \$141,667; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
16 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
17 the Honorable Michael S. Steele, Lieutenant Governor; and Cecilia Januszkiewicz,
18 Secretary of Budget and Management.