

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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By: **The President**

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Judicial Compensation Commission – Recommendations**

3 FOR the purpose of proposing an alteration to the compensation of the members of the
4 Judiciary in this State in accordance with Section 1–708 of the Courts and
5 Judicial 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 Thomas Barbera and Raymond Langston; appointment made on the nomination of the
16 Maryland State Bar Association: Edward Gilliss; and appointments at large: Annette
17 J. Funn and Alice G. Pinderhughes. The Commission members elected Elizabeth Buck
18 to serve as the chair of the Commission. The Commission is charged with reviewing
19 the salaries of the judges of the Judiciary of Maryland and making written
20 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly every 4 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Section 1–708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of
22 the Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may
23 amend this Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission’s salary
24 recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the
25 judge’s continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint
26 Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not
27 adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction, the salaries
28 recommended herein shall apply during fiscal years 2010 through 2013. Should the
29 General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of
30 the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal years 2010 through 2013
31 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and



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1 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held three meetings in
 2 September and October 2008. The Commission considered many aspects and facets of
 3 judicial compensation. The Commission by a vote of five or more of its members has
 4 recommended judicial salaries for fiscal years 2010 through 2013; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after
 6 considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission,
 7 beginning July 1, 2009, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

8	Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
9	Court of Appeals		
10	Chief Judge	181,352	190,463
11	Associate Judge	162,352	171,463
12	Court of Special Appeals		
13	Chief Judge	152,552	161,663
14	Associate Judge	149,552	158,663
15	Circuit Courts		
16	Judge	140,352	149,463
17	District Court		
18	Chief Judge	149,552	158,663
19	Associate Judge	127,252	136,363;

20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2010, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

22	Position	Proposed Salary
23	Court of Appeals	
24	Chief Judge	200,121
25	Associate Judge	181,121
26	Court of Special Appeals	
27	Chief Judge	171,321
28	Associate Judge	168,321
29	Circuit Courts	
30	Judge	159,121
31	District Court	
32	Chief Judge	168,321
33	Associate Judge	146,021;

34 and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2011, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

36	Position	Proposed Salary
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1	Court of Appeals	
2	Chief Judge	210,358
3	Associate Judge	191,358
4	Court of Special Appeals	
5	Chief Judge	181,558
6	Associate Judge	178,558
7	Circuit Courts	
8	Judge	169,358
9	District Court	
10	Chief Judge	178,558
11	Associate Judge	156,258;

12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2012, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

14	Position	Proposed Salary
15	Court of Appeals	
16	Chief Judge	221,210
17	Associate Judge	202,210
18	Court of Special Appeals	
19	Chief Judge	192,410
20	Associate Judge	189,410
21	Circuit Courts	
22	Judge	180,210
23	District Court	
24	Chief Judge	189,410
25	Associate Judge	167,110.

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
 27 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
 28 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
 29 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.