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BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2
(Third Reading File Joint Resolution)

On page 2, after line 12, insert:

“WHEREAS, Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution established a seven-member Governor’s Salary Commission comprised of the State Treasurer, three members appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Governor’s Salary Commission is currently constituted as follows: Nancy K. Kopp, State Treasurer; E. Steuart Chaney, Barry Gossett, and Robert R. Neall appointed by the President of the Senate; Howard S. Pinsky, George L. Russell, Jr., and Konrad M. Wayson appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Commission elected George L. Russell, Jr. as Chair; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, this Joint Resolution may be amended to decrease, but not increase, the salaries recommended by the Governor’s Salary Commission. The salaries may not be decreased below their January 2010 levels. If the General Assembly fails to adopt a Joint Resolution in accordance with Article II, Section 21A within 50 calendar days after introduction of this Joint Resolution, the salaries recommended by the Governor’s Salary Commission shall apply effective January 19, 2011. If the General Assembly amends this Joint Resolution, the salaries specified in the Joint Resolution, as amended, shall apply; and

WHEREAS, At the meetings conducted in December 2009, the Commission evaluated gubernatorial compensation relative to a number of principles: growth in the responsibilities of the office, compensation commensurate with the stature of this high office, changes in the cost of living, maintenance of a reasonable differential between the Governor’s salary and of other major State officials in Maryland, and acceptable comparability with salaries of the governors of other states. The

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Commission selected tentative salaries for the two offices and solicited public views regarding its proposals. Thereafter, the Commission made its final determinations which are presented in this Resolution and discussed in the Commission's Report, dated January 2010; now, therefore, be it".