

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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By: **The Speaker (By Request – Judicial Compensation Commission)**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2010

Assigned to: Appropriations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: February 19, 2010

RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Judicial Compensation Commission – Recommendations**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~proposing an alteration to~~ establishing the compensation of the
4 members of the Judiciary in this State in accordance with Section 1–708 of the
5 Courts and 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~~

EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.



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~~Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction, the salaries recommended herein shall apply during fiscal years 2011 through 2014. Should the General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal years 2011 through 2014 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held three meetings in September and October 2008. The Commission considered many aspects and facets of judicial compensation. The Commission did not meet in 2009, but each member participated in a telephone poll, conducted by staff of the Department of Legislative Services in November 2009, and voted to resubmit the recommendations made in the Commission's January 2009 report. The Commission by a vote of five or more of its members has recommended judicial salaries for fiscal years 2011 through 2014; now, therefore, be it~~

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission, beginning July 1, 2010, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals		
Chief Judge	181,352	190,463
Associate Judge	162,352	171,463
Court of Special Appeals		
Chief Judge	152,552	161,663
Associate Judge	149,552	158,663
Circuit Courts		
Judge	140,352	140,463
District Court		
Chief Judge	149,552	158,663
Associate Judge	127,252	136,363;

and be it further

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

Position	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals	
 Chief Judge	200,121
 Associate Judge	181,121
Court of Special Appeals	
 Chief Judge	171,321
 Associate Judge	168,321
Circuit Courts	

1	Judge	159,121
2	District Court	
3	Chief Judge	168,321
4	Associate Judge	146,021;

5 ~~and be it further~~

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

7	Position	Proposed Salary
8	Court of Appeals	
9	Chief Judge	210,358
10	Associate Judge	191,358
11	Court of Special Appeals	
12	Chief Judge	181,558
13	Associate Judge	178,558
14	Circuit Courts	
15	Judge	169,358
16	District Court	
17	Chief Judge	178,558
18	Associate Judge	156,258;

19 ~~and be it further~~

20 ~~RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2013, judicial salaries shall be as follows:~~

21	Position	Proposed Salary
22	Court of Appeals	
23	Chief Judge	221,210
24	Associate Judge	202,210
25	Court of Special Appeals	
26	Chief Judge	192,410
27	Associate Judge	189,410
28	Circuit Courts	
29	Judge	180,210
30	District Court	
31	Chief Judge	189,410
32	Associate Judge	167,110.

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