

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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By: **The President (By Request – Governor’s Salary Commission)**

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate 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,  
6 for the 4–year term of office beginning January 19, 2011.

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 currently  
11 constituted as follows: Nancy K. Kopp, State Treasurer; E. Steuart Chaney, Barry  
12 Gossett, and Robert R. Neall, appointed by the President of the Senate; and Howard S.  
13 Pinskey, George L. Russell, Jr., and Konrad M. Wayson, appointed by the Speaker of  
14 the House of Delegates. The Commission elected George L. Russell, Jr. as Chair; and

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

24 WHEREAS, At the meetings conducted in December 2009, the Commission  
25 evaluated gubernatorial compensation relative to a number of principles: growth in  
26 the responsibilities of the office, compensation commensurate with the stature of this  
27 high office, changes in the cost of living, maintenance of a reasonable differential  
28 between the Governor’s salary and of other major State officials in Maryland, and  
29 acceptable comparability with salaries of the governors of other states. The  
30 Commission selected tentative salaries for the two offices and solicited public views



1 regarding its proposals. Thereafter, the Commission made its final determinations  
2 which are presented in this Resolution and discussed in the Commission's Report,  
3 dated January 2010; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That pursuant  
5 to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, the annual salaries  
6 recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission be adopted as follows, to be  
7 effective January 19, 2011, for the 4-year term of office:

8               Governor:

9                       For the first year, \$150,000;

10                      For the second year, \$150,000;

11                      For the third year, \$155,000; and

12                      For the fourth year, \$160,000; and

13               Lieutenant Governor:

14                      For the first year, \$125,000;

15                      For the second year, \$125,000;

16                      For the third year, \$129,167; and

17                      For the fourth year, \$133,333; and be it further

18       RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
19 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the  
20 Honorable Anthony G. Brown, Lieutenant Governor; and T. Eloise Foster, Secretary of  
21 Budget and Management.