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

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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 2011 through 2014. 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 2011 through 2014
31 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	149,463
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	
Judge	159,121
District Court	
Chief Judge	168,321
Associate Judge	146,021;

and be it further

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

Position	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals	
Chief Judge	210,358
Associate Judge	191,358
Court of Special Appeals	
Chief Judge	181,558
Associate Judge	178,558
Circuit Courts	
Judge	169,358
District Court	
Chief Judge	178,558
Associate Judge	156,258;

and be it further

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

Position	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals	
Chief Judge	221,210
Associate Judge	202,210
Court of Special Appeals	
Chief Judge	192,410
Associate Judge	189,410
Circuit Courts	
Judge	180,210
District Court	
Chief Judge	189,410
Associate Judge	167,110.

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