

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1 A Senate 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:

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

and be it further

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

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

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

5 ~~and be it further~~

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

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

19 ~~and be it further~~

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

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

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.