

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

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By: **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Judicial Compensation Commission)**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Judicial Compensation Commission – Recommendations**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the compensation of the members of the Judiciary in
4 this State in accordance with Section 1–708 of the Courts and Judicial
5 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 on or after September 1,
21 2011, September 1, 2013, and every 4 years thereafter; and

22 WHEREAS, Section 1–708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of
23 the Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may
24 amend this Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission’s salary
25 recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the
26 judge’s continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint
27 Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not
28 adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction, the salaries
29 recommended herein shall apply during fiscal years 2013 through 2016. Should the



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1 General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of
 2 the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal years 2013 through 2016
 3 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

4 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held two meetings in 2011
 5 (September and October). The Commission considered many aspects and facets of
 6 judicial compensation. The Commission, by a vote of five or more of its members as
 7 required by § 1-708(b)(7) of the Courts Article, has recommended no change in judicial
 8 salaries for fiscal year 2013 and an increase in judicial salaries for fiscal years 2014
 9 through 2016; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after
 11 considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission,
 12 beginning July 1, 2012, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

13	Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
14	Court of Appeals		
15	Chief Judge	181,352	181,352
16	Associate Judge	162,352	162,352
17	Court of Special Appeals		
18	Chief Judge	152,552	152,552
19	Associate Judge	149,552	149,552
20	Circuit Courts		
21	Judge	140,352	140,352
22	District Court		
23	Chief Judge	149,552	149,552
24	Associate Judge	127,252	127,252;

25 and be it further

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

27	Position	Proposed Salary
28	Court of Appeals	
29	Chief Judge	190,463
30	Associate Judge	171,463
31	Court of Special Appeals	
32	Chief Judge	161,663
33	Associate Judge	158,663
34	Circuit Courts	
35	Judge	149,463
36	District Court	
37	Chief Judge	158,663
38	Associate Judge	136,363;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2014, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

3	Position	Proposed Salary
4	Court of Appeals	
5	Chief Judge	200,121
6	Associate Judge	181,121
7	Court of Special Appeals	
8	Chief Judge	171,321
9	Associate Judge	168,321
10	Circuit Courts	
11	Judge	159,121
12	District Court	
13	Chief Judge	168,321
14	Associate Judge	146,021;

15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2015, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

17	Position	Proposed Salary
18	Court of Appeals	
19	Chief Judge	210,358
20	Associate Judge	191,358
21	Court of Special Appeals	
22	Chief Judge	181,558
23	Associate Judge	178,558
24	Circuit Courts	
25	Judge	169,358
26	District Court	
27	Chief Judge	178,558
28	Associate Judge	156,258.

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