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

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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



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1 recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the
 2 judge's continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint
 3 Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not
 4 adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction, the salaries
 5 recommended herein shall apply during fiscal years 2013 through 2016. Should the
 6 General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of
 7 the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal years 2013 through 2016
 8 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

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

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

18	Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
19	Court of Appeals		
20	Chief Judge	181,352	181,352
21	Associate Judge	162,352	162,352
22	Court of Special		
23	Appeals		
24	Chief Judge	152,552	152,552
25	Associate Judge	149,552	149,552
26	Circuit Courts		
27	Judge	140,352	140,352
28	District Court		
29	Chief Judge	149,552	149,552
30	Associate Judge	127,252	127,252;

31 and be it further

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

33	Position	Proposed Salary
34	Court of Appeals	
35	Chief Judge	190,463 <u>185,908</u>
36	Associate Judge	171,463 <u>166,908</u>
37	Court of Special	
38	Appeals	
39	Chief Judge	161,663 <u>157,108</u>

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1	Associate Judge	158,663 <u>154,108</u>
2	Circuit Courts	
3	Judge	149,463 <u>144,908</u>
4	District Court	
5	Chief Judge	158,663 <u>154,108</u>
6	Associate Judge	136,363 <u>131,808;</u>

7 and be it further

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

9	Position	Proposed Salary
10	Court of Appeals	
11	Chief Judge	200,121 <u>190,600</u>
12	Associate Judge	181,121 <u>171,600</u>
13	Court of Special	
14	Appeals	
15	Chief Judge	171,321 <u>161,800</u>
16	Associate Judge	168,321 <u>158,800</u>
17	Circuit Courts	
18	Judge	159,121 <u>149,600</u>
19	District Court	
20	Chief Judge	168,321 <u>158,800</u>
21	Associate Judge	146,021 <u>136,500;</u>

22 and be it further

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

24	Position	Proposed Salary
25	Court of Appeals	
26	Chief Judge	210,358 <u>195,433</u>
27	Associate Judge	191,358 <u>176,433</u>
28	Court of Special	
29	Appeals	
30	Chief Judge	181,558 <u>166,633</u>
31	Associate Judge	178,558 <u>163,633</u>
32	Circuit Courts	
33	Judge	169,358 <u>154,433</u>
34	District Court	
35	Chief Judge	178,558 <u>163,633</u>
36	Associate Judge	156,258 <u>141,333.</u>

37 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
 38 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the

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- 1 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
- 2 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Approved:

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.