

Joint Resolution 5

(Senate Joint Resolution 3)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Judicial Compensation Commission – Recommendations

FOR the purpose of establishing the compensation of the members of the Judiciary in this State in accordance with Section 1–708 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

WHEREAS, Section 1–708(b)(2) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland establishes a seven–member Judicial Compensation Commission appointed by the Governor with two members appointed on nomination of the President of the Senate, two members appointed on nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one member appointed on nomination of the Maryland State Bar Association, and two members appointed at large. The Judicial Compensation Commission is constituted as follows: appointments made on the nomination of the President of the Senate: John Paterakis and Elizabeth Buck; appointments made on the nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Thomas Barbera and Raymond Langston; appointment made on the nomination of the Maryland State Bar Association: Edward Gilliss; and appointments at large: Annette J. Funn and Alice G. Pinderhughes. The Commission members elected Elizabeth Buck to serve as the chair of the Commission. The Commission is charged with reviewing the salaries of the judges of the Judiciary of Maryland and making written recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or after September 1, 2011, September 1, 2013, and every 4 years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Section 1–708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may amend this Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission's salary recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the judge's continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint 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 2013 through 2016. 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 2013 through 2016 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held two meetings in 2011 (September and October). The Commission considered many aspects and facets of judicial compensation. The Commission, by a vote of five or more of its members as required by § 1–708(b)(7) of the Courts Article, has recommended no change in judicial

salaries for fiscal year 2013 and an increase in judicial salaries for fiscal years 2014 through 2016; now, therefore, be it

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

Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals		
Chief Judge	181,352	181,352
Associate Judge	162,352	162,352
Court of Special Appeals		
Chief Judge	152,552	152,552
Associate Judge	149,552	149,552
Circuit Courts		
Judge	140,352	140,352
District Court		
Chief Judge	149,552	149,552
Associate Judge	127,252	127,252;

and be it further

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

Position	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals	
Chief Judge	190,463 <u>185,908</u>
Associate Judge	171,463 <u>166,908</u>
Court of Special Appeals	
Chief Judge	161,663 <u>157,108</u>
Associate Judge	158,663 <u>154,108</u>
Circuit Courts	
Judge	149,463 <u>144,908</u>
District Court	
Chief Judge	158,663 <u>154,108</u>
Associate Judge	136,363 <u>131,808;</u>

and be it further

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

Position	Proposed Salary
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Court of Appeals	
Chief Judge	200,121 <u>190,600</u>
Associate Judge	181,121 <u>171,600</u>
Court of Special Appeals	
Chief Judge	171,321 <u>161,800</u>
Associate Judge	168,321 <u>158,800</u>
Circuit Courts	
Judge	159,121 <u>149,600</u>
District Court	
Chief Judge	168,321 <u>158,800</u>
Associate Judge	146,021 <u>136,500;</u>

and be it further

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

Position	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals	
Chief Judge	210,358 <u>195,433</u>
Associate Judge	191,358 <u>176,433</u>
Court of Special Appeals	
Chief Judge	181,558 <u>166,633</u>
Associate Judge	178,558 <u>163,633</u>
Circuit Courts	
Judge	169,358 <u>154,433</u>
District Court	
Chief Judge	178,558 <u>163,633</u>
Associate Judge	156,258 <u>141,333.</u>

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.

Signed by the President and the Speaker, May 22, 2012.