

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

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By: **The Speaker (By Request)**

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Judicial Compensation Commission – Recommendations**

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

6 WHEREAS, Section 1–708(b)(2) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland establishes a seven–member Judicial Compensation  
8 Commission appointed by the Governor with two members appointed on nomination of the  
9 President of the Senate, two members appointed on nomination of the Speaker of the House  
10 of Delegates, one member appointed on nomination of the Maryland State Bar Association,  
11 and two members appointed at large. The Judicial Compensation Commission is  
12 constituted as follows: appointments made on the nomination of the President of the  
13 Senate: Meghan Casey and Carlos Williams; appointments made on the nomination of the  
14 Speaker of the House of Delegates: Victoria Fretwell and John Wasilisin; appointment  
15 made on the nomination of the Maryland State Bar Association: Edward Gilliss; and  
16 appointments at large: John Suit II and Alice Pinderhughes. The Commission members  
17 elected Edward Gilliss to serve as the chair of the Commission. The Commission is charged  
18 with reviewing the salaries and pensions of the judges of the Judiciary of Maryland and  
19 making written recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or after  
20 September 1, 2011, September 1, 2013, and every 4 years thereafter; and

21 WHEREAS, Section 1–708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may amend this  
23 Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission’s salary recommendations, but no  
24 reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the judge’s continuance in office. The  
25 General Assembly may not amend this Joint Resolution to increase these recommended  
26 salaries. Should the General Assembly not adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50  
27 days after its introduction, the salaries recommended herein shall apply during fiscal years  
28 2023 through 2026. Should the General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein  
29 recommended, the salaries of the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal  
30 years 2023 through 2026 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and



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1 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held two meetings in 2021 and  
 2 considered many aspects and facets of judicial compensation. The Commission, by a vote of  
 3 five or more of its members as required by § 1-708(b)(7) of the Courts and Judicial  
 4 Proceedings Article, has recommended an increase in judicial salaries for fiscal years 2023  
 5 through 2026; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after  
 7 considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission, beginning  
 8 July 1, 2022, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

| 9  | Position         | Current Salary | Proposed Salary |
|----|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 10 | Court of Appeals |                |                 |
| 11 | Chief Judge      | 215,433        | 225,433         |
| 12 | Associate Judge  | 196,433        | 206,433         |
| 13 | Court of Special |                |                 |
| 14 | Appeals          |                |                 |
| 15 | Chief Judge      | 186,633        | 196,633         |
| 16 | Associate Judge  | 183,633        | 193,633         |
| 17 | Circuit Courts   |                |                 |
| 18 | Judge            | 174,433        | 184,433         |
| 19 | District Court   |                |                 |
| 20 | Chief Judge      | 183,633        | 193,633         |
| 21 | Associate Judge  | 161,333        | 171,333;        |

22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2023, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

| 24 | Position         | Proposed Salary |
|----|------------------|-----------------|
| 25 | Court of Appeals |                 |
| 26 | Chief Judge      | 235,433         |
| 27 | Associate Judge  | 216,433         |
| 28 | Court of Special |                 |
| 29 | Appeals          |                 |
| 30 | Chief Judge      | 206,633         |
| 31 | Associate Judge  | 203,633         |
| 32 | Circuit Courts   |                 |
| 33 | Judge            | 194,433         |
| 34 | District Court   |                 |
| 35 | Chief Judge      | 203,633         |
| 36 | Associate Judge  | 181,333;        |

37 and be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2024, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

| 2  | Position         | Proposed Salary |
|----|------------------|-----------------|
| 3  | Court of Appeals |                 |
| 4  | Chief Judge      | 245,433         |
| 5  | Associate Judge  | 226,433         |
| 6  | Court of Special |                 |
| 7  | Appeals          |                 |
| 8  | Chief Judge      | 216,633         |
| 9  | Associate Judge  | 213,633         |
| 10 | Circuit Courts   |                 |
| 11 | Judge            | 204,433         |
| 12 | District Court   |                 |
| 13 | Chief Judge      | 213,633         |
| 14 | Associate Judge  | 191,333;        |

15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2025, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

| 17 | Position         | Proposed Salary |
|----|------------------|-----------------|
| 18 | Court of Appeals |                 |
| 19 | Chief Judge      | 255,433         |
| 20 | Associate Judge  | 236,433         |
| 21 | Court of Special |                 |
| 22 | Appeals          |                 |
| 23 | Chief Judge      | 226,633         |
| 24 | Associate Judge  | 223,633         |
| 25 | Circuit Courts   |                 |
| 26 | Judge            | 214,433         |
| 27 | District Court   |                 |
| 28 | Chief Judge      | 223,633         |
| 29 | Associate Judge  | 201,333;        |

30 and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
32 Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the  
33 Honorable William C. Ferguson, IV, President of the Senate of Maryland; and the  
34 Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates.