

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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By: **The President (By Request)**

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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 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

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.