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House Joint Resolution 4 (The Speaker)(By Request - Governor's Salary
Commission)

Appropriations

**Governor's Salary Commission - Salary Recommendations for Governor and
Lieutenant Governor**

This joint resolution adopts the salary recommendations of the Governor's Salary Commission for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, effective January 18, 2023, for the upcoming term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$27,400 in FY 2023 for salaries and fringe benefits. Future years reflect annualization and statutory salary increases. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	27,400	59,900	58,200	53,900	50,900
Net Effect	(\$27,400)	(\$59,900)	(\$58,200)	(\$53,900)	(\$50,900)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill increases the salaries of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for the next four-year term as depicted in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1
Salary Changes for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor

<u>Year of Term</u>	<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>% Increase of Current Salary</u>	<u>Lieutenant Governor</u>	<u>% Increase of Current Salary</u>
First	2023	\$184,000	11.5	\$165,000	20.0
Second	2024	188,000	10.6	170,000	20.1
Third	2025	192,000	9.7	173,000	18.9
Fourth	2026	195,000	8.3	175,000	17.1

Current Law: The Governor’s Salary Commission was established by a 1976 constitutional amendment to create a salary setting mechanism for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Since its inception, the commission has had seven members, including the State Treasurer, three persons appointed by the President of the Senate, and three persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Appointees serve a four-year term. Members of the General Assembly and officers and employees of the State or a political subdivision of the State are not eligible for appointment to the commission. The bill adopts the commission’s most recent recommendations for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, which can be located in the [*Report of the Governor’s Salary Commission*](#), published in January 2022.

Beginning with the 1981 Governor’s Salary Commission, the commission has also made recommendations, per the Governor’s request, on salaries for four constitutional officers: State Treasurer, Comptroller of the Treasury, Attorney General, and Secretary of State.

The commission must submit salary recommendations for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to the General Assembly within 10 calendar days after the beginning of the last regular General Assembly session in a four-year term of office.

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures increase by \$27,442 in fiscal 2023, increasing to \$50,876 in fiscal 2027, for increased compensation and fringe benefits for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. The estimate accounts for the new salary schedule going into effect on January 18, 2023, and assumes the calendar 2026 salaries continue for calendar 2027.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SJ 5 (The President)(By Request - Governor's Salary Commission) - Budget and Taxation.

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