

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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By: **The Speaker (By Request – Judicial Compensation Commission)**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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
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
25 recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during the
26 judge’s continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint
27 Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not
28 adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction, the salaries
29 recommended herein shall apply during fiscal years 2013 through 2016. Should the
30 General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of



1 the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal years 2013 through 2016
2 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

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

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

12	Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
13	Court of Appeals		
14	Chief Judge	181,352	181,352
15	Associate Judge	162,352	162,352
16	Court of Special Appeals		
17	Chief Judge	152,552	152,552
18	Associate Judge	149,552	149,552
19	Circuit Courts		
20	Judge	140,352	140,352
21	District Court		
22	Chief Judge	149,552	149,552
23	Associate Judge	127,252	127,252;

24 and be it further

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

26	Position	Proposed Salary
27	Court of Appeals	
28	Chief Judge	190,463
29	Associate Judge	171,463
30	Court of Special Appeals	
31	Chief Judge	161,663
32	Associate Judge	158,663
33	Circuit Courts	
34	Judge	149,463
35	District Court	
36	Chief Judge	158,663
37	Associate Judge	136,363;

38 and be it further

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

2	Position	Proposed Salary
3	Court of Appeals	
4	Chief Judge	200,121
5	Associate Judge	181,121
6	Court of Special Appeals	
7	Chief Judge	171,321
8	Associate Judge	168,321
9	Circuit Courts	
10	Judge	159,121
11	District Court	
12	Chief Judge	168,321
13	Associate Judge	146,021;

14 and be it further

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

16	Position	Proposed Salary
17	Court of Appeals	
18	Chief Judge	210,358
19	Associate Judge	191,358
20	Court of Special Appeals	
21	Chief Judge	181,558
22	Associate Judge	178,558
23	Circuit Courts	
24	Judge	169,358
25	District Court	
26	Chief Judge	178,558
27	Associate Judge	156,258.

28 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
 29 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
 30 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
 31 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.