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By: **The President (By Request – Governor’s Salary Commission)**

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Governor’s Salary Commission – Salary Recommendations for Governor and**
3 **Lieutenant Governor**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the salaries to be paid the Governor and Lieutenant
5 Governor, as directed by Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution,
6 for the 4–year term of office beginning January 21, 2015.

7 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution established a
8 seven–member Governor’s Salary Commission composed of the State Treasurer, three
9 members appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members appointed by
10 the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Governor’s Salary Commission is currently
11 constituted as follows: Nancy K. Kopp, State Treasurer; Barry P. Gossett, Robert R.
12 Neall, and Bruce M. Plaxen appointed by the President of the Senate; Zaneb K.
13 Beams, F. Joseph Rubino, and Frederick Schram appointed by the Speaker of the
14 House of Delegates. The Commission elected Robert R. Neall as Chair; and

15 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution,
16 this Joint Resolution may be amended to decrease, but not increase, the salaries
17 recommended by the Governor’s Salary Commission. The salaries may not be
18 decreased below their January 2014 levels. If the General Assembly fails to adopt a
19 Joint Resolution in accordance with Article II, Section 21A within 50 calendar days
20 after introduction of this Joint Resolution, the salaries recommended by the
21 Governor’s Salary Commission shall apply effective January 21, 2015. If the General
22 Assembly amends this Joint Resolution, the salaries specified in the Joint Resolution,
23 as amended, shall apply; and

24 WHEREAS, At the meetings conducted in December 2013, the Commission
25 evaluated gubernatorial compensation relative to a number of principles: growth in
26 the responsibilities of the office; compensation commensurate with the stature of this
27 high office; changes in the cost of living; maintenance of a reasonable differential
28 between the Governor’s salary and that of other major State officials in Maryland;
29 acceptable comparability with salaries of the governors of other states; and changes to



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1 salaries of State employees. The Commission selected tentative salaries for the two
2 offices and solicited input from the public. Thereafter, the Commission made its final
3 determinations which are presented in this Resolution and discussed in the
4 Commission's Report, dated January 2014; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That pursuant
6 to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, the annual salaries
7 recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission be adopted as follows, to be
8 effective January 21, 2015, for the 4-year term of office:

9 Governor:

10 For the first year, \$165,000;

11 For the second year, \$170,000;

12 For the third year, \$175,000; and

13 For the fourth year, \$180,000; and

14 Lieutenant Governor:

15 For the first year, \$137,500;

16 For the second year, \$141,500;

17 For the third year, \$145,500; and

18 For the fourth year, \$149,500; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
20 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
21 Honorable Anthony G. Brown, Lieutenant Governor; and T. Eloise Foster, Secretary of
22 Budget and Management.