

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

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

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Assigned to: Appropriations

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House 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 19, 2011.

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; E. Steuart Chaney, Barry
12 Gossett, and Robert R. Neall, appointed by the President of the Senate; and Howard S.
13 Pinskey, George L. Russell, Jr., and Konrad M. Wayson, appointed by the Speaker of
14 the House of Delegates. The Commission elected George L. Russell, Jr., 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 2010 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 19, 2011. 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 2009, 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 of other major State officials in Maryland, and
29 acceptable comparability with salaries of the governors of other states. The
30 Commission selected tentative salaries for the two offices and solicited public views



1 regarding its proposals. Thereafter, the Commission made its final determinations
2 which are presented in this Resolution and discussed in the Commission's Report,
3 dated January 2010; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That pursuant
5 to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, the annual salaries
6 recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission be adopted as follows, to be
7 effective January 19, 2011, for the 4-year term of office:

8 Governor:

9 For the first year, \$150,000;

10 For the second year, \$150,000;

11 For the third year, \$155,000; and

12 For the fourth year, \$160,000; and

13 Lieutenant Governor:

14 For the first year, \$125,000;

15 For the second year, \$125,000;

16 For the third year, \$129,167; and

17 For the fourth year, \$133,333; and be it further

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