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By: **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Judicial Compensation Commission)**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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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: Elizabeth Buck and Joshua Schmerling; appointments made on the nomination of
14 the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Norman Conway and Van Mitchell; 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 Elizabeth Buck to serve as the chair of the Commission. The Commission is charged
18 with reviewing the salaries of the judges of the Judiciary of Maryland and making written
19 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or after September 1, 2011,
20 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 of its introduction, the salaries recommended herein shall apply during fiscal years
28 2019 through 2022. 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



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1 years 2019 through 2022 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

2 WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held several meetings in 2017
3 (September and December) and considered many aspects and facets of judicial
4 compensation. The Commission, by a vote of five or more of its members as required by §
5 1-708(b)(7) of the Courts Article, has recommended an increase in judicial salaries for fiscal
6 years 2019 through 2022; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after
8 considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission, beginning
9 July 1, 2018, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

10	Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
11	Court of Appeals		
12	Chief Judge	195,433	205,433
13	Associate Judge	176,433	186,433
14	Court of Special		
15	Appeals		
16	Chief Judge	166,633	176,633
17	Associate Judge	163,633	173,633
18	Circuit Courts		
19	Judge	154,433	164,433
20	District Court		
21	Chief Judge	163,633	173,633
22	Associate Judge	141,333	151,333;

23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2019, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

25	Position	Proposed Salary
26	Court of Appeals	
27	Chief Judge	215,433
28	Associate Judge	196,433
29	Court of Special	
30	Appeals	
31	Chief Judge	186,633
32	Associate Judge	183,633
33	Circuit Courts	
34	Judge	174,433
35	District Court	
36	Chief Judge	183,633
37	Associate Judge	161,333;

38 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2020, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

2	Position	Proposed Salary
3	Court of Appeals	
4	Chief Judge	222,933
5	Associate Judge	203,933
6	Court of Special	
7	Appeals	
8	Chief Judge	194,133
9	Associate Judge	191,133
10	Circuit Courts	
11	Judge	181,933
12	District Court	
13	Chief Judge	191,133
14	Associate Judge	168,833;

15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2021, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

17	Position	Proposed Salary
18	Court of Appeals	
19	Chief Judge	230,433
20	Associate Judge	211,433
21	Court of Special	
22	Appeals	
23	Chief Judge	201,633
24	Associate Judge	198,633
25	Circuit Courts	
26	Chief Judge	189,433
27	District Court	
28	Chief Judge	198,633
29	Associate Judge	176,333.

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
 31 Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the
 32 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and Honorable
 33 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.