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(House Joint Resolution No. 20)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

The Judicial Compensation Commission's Recommendations for  
the Compensation of Maryland Judges During Fiscal Year 1986

FOR the purpose of establishing the salaries to be paid the judges of the State of Maryland during fiscal year 1986 as directed by Section 1-708 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

WHEREAS, Section 1-708(b)(2) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland establishes a 7 member Judicial Compensation Commission appointed by the Governor with 2 members appointed on nomination of the President of the Senate, 2 members appointed on nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates, 1 member appointed on nomination of the Maryland Bar Association, and 2 members appointed from at-large. The Judicial Compensation Commission is constituted currently as follows: appointments on nomination of the President of the Senate: Matilda Jones Bayless and Bernard N. Linkoff; appointments on nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Sanford M. Baklor and Bruce A. Kaufman; appointment on nomination of the Maryland Bar Association: James P. Bailey; appointments from at-large: Otis Ducker and Elizabeth S. Morrison. The Commission members elected Bruce A. Kaufman, Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-708(d) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows: the General Assembly may amend this Joint Resolution to decrease any of the Commission's salary recommendations, but no reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during his continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction the salaries recommended herein shall apply during fiscal year 1986. Should the General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal year 1986, unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held 21 meetings between December of 1980 and January of 1985. It met with numerous persons, including legislators, executive officials, bar associations, and judges. The Commission considered many aspects and facets of judicial compensation. The Commission by a vote of 5 or more of its members has recommended judicial salaries for fiscal year 1986;--new; therefore;--be-it