

JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED
by the
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
and the
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Joint Resolution No. 1

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 4)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Judicial Compensation Commission Report

FOR the purpose of proposing an alteration to the compensation of the members of the Judiciary in this State, pursuant to 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 at large. The Judicial Compensation Commission is constituted as follows: appointments made on the nomination of the President of the Senate: John Paterakis and Elizabeth Buck; appointments made on the nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Bruce A. Kaufman and Charles R. Jenkins, Sr.; appointment made on the nomination of the Maryland Bar Association: J. Michael Conroy, Jr.; appointments at large: Elizabeth S. Morrison and Alice G. Pinderhughes. 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 1997. 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 1997 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held meetings between December of 1995 and January of 1996. 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 1997; now, therefore, be it