

Fully cognizant of its constitutional mandate principally to recommend gubernatorial salaries to the General Assembly, the Commission nevertheless determined that it must review and comment upon matters closely related to salaries, viz., allowances and expenditures related to operation of Government House, the gubernatorial retirement plan, and a code of public conduct applicable to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Thus, the report of the Commission, in addition to recommending salaries for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, suggests to the General Assembly four comparison measures to be considered together with the Commission's salary proposals. These suggestions include:

(1) Legislation consolidating appropriations related to operation of Government House and providing that expenditures from these accounts be regularly accounted for on a vouchered and audited basis.

(2) Legislation revising the gubernatorial retirement law to establish a pension for governors entering office after January 17, 1979, equivalent to one-third a governor's highest annual salary with ensuing cost of living adjustments, in accordance with those provided retirees from the State Employees' Retirement System, provided the governor has served at least one full term and has attained age 55; to provide basic retirement allowances of \$12,500 annually to governors leaving office prior to January 17, 1979, with ensuing cost-of-living adjustments; and to provide benefits for widows of governors equivalent to one-half the retirement benefits available to governors.

(3) Legislation providing a transition allowance of \$20,000 to be paid in six monthly installments to governors leaving office after serving at least one full term, such persons to be ineligible for gubernatorial retirement plan benefits during receipt of the transition allowance.

(4) A request for the promulgation of a Code of Public Conduct specifically applicable to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the annual salaries recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission be adopted as follows, to be effective January 17, 1979, for four-year terms of office: Governor, \$60,000; Lieutenant Governor, \$52,500.

Approved April 11, 1978.