

~~Governor's Salary Commission shall apply effective January 17, 2007. If the General Assembly amends this Joint Resolution, the salaries specified in the Joint Resolution, as amended, shall apply; and~~

~~WHEREAS, At the meetings, conducted from November through December 2005, the Commission evaluated gubernatorial compensation relative to a number of principles: growth in the responsibilities of the office, compensation commensurate with the stature of this high office, changes in the cost of living, maintenance of a reasonable differential between the Governor's salary and of other major State officials in Maryland, and acceptable comparability with salaries of the governors of other states. The Commission selected tentative salaries for the two offices and solicited public views regarding its proposals. Thereafter, the Commission made its final determinations which are presented in this Resolution and discussed in the Commission's Report, dated January 2006; now, therefore, be it~~

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That pursuant to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, the annual salaries recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission be adopted as follows, to be effective January 17, 2007, for the 4-year term of office:

Governor:

~~\$150,000; and~~

~~For the first year, \$155,000;~~

~~For the second year, \$160,000;~~

~~For the third year, \$165,000; and~~

~~For the fourth year, \$170,000; and~~

Lieutenant Governor:

~~\$125,000; and be it further~~

~~For the first year, \$129,167;~~

~~For the second year, \$133,333;~~

~~For the third year, \$137,500; and~~

~~For the fourth year, \$141,667; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That:

(a) In accordance with the authority granted under Article III, Section 15 of the Maryland Constitution, the General Assembly rejects the recommendations for changes in the allowance for in-district travel and for changes in the retirement benefits available to legislators in the Legislative Pension Plan submitted in the Resolution of the General Assembly Compensation Commission dated January 11, 2006;

(b) Items 2C and 3A of the Resolution of the General Assembly Compensation Commission dated January 11, 2006, shall be void and provisions related to the allowance for in-district travel and the retirement benefits available to legislators in