

Joint Resolution 3

(Senate Joint Resolution 4)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Judicial Compensation Commission – Recommendations

FOR the purpose of establishing the compensation of the members of the Judiciary in this State in accordance with 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 seven–member Judicial Compensation Commission appointed by the Governor with two members appointed on nomination of the President of the Senate, two members appointed on nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one member appointed on nomination of the Maryland State Bar Association, and two members appointed at large. The Judicial Compensation Commission is constituted as follows: appointments made on the nomination of the President of the Senate: Meghan Casey and Carlos Williams; appointments made on the nomination of the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Victoria Fretwell and John Wasilisin; appointment made on the nomination of the Maryland State Bar Association: Edward Gilliss; and appointments at large: John Suit II and Alice Pinderhughes. The Commission members elected Edward Gilliss to serve as the chair of the Commission. The Commission is charged with reviewing the salaries and pensions of the judges of the Judiciary of Maryland and making written recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or after September 1, 2011, September 1, 2013, and every 4 years thereafter; 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 the judge’s 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 after its introduction, the salaries recommended herein shall apply during fiscal years 2023 through 2026. 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 years 2023 through 2026 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held two meetings in 2021 and considered many aspects and facets of judicial compensation. The Commission, by a vote of five or more of its members as required by § 1–708(b)(7) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, has recommended an increase in judicial salaries for fiscal years 2023 through 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after considering the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission, beginning

July 1, 2022, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

Position	Current Salary	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals		
Chief Judge	215,433	225,433
Associate Judge	196,433	206,433
Court of Special Appeals		
Chief Judge	186,633	196,633
Associate Judge	183,633	193,633
Circuit Courts		
Judge	174,433	184,433
District Court		
Chief Judge	183,633	193,633
Associate Judge	161,333	171,333;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2023, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

Position	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals	
Chief Judge	235,433
Associate Judge	216,433
Court of Special Appeals	
Chief Judge	206,633
Associate Judge	203,633
Circuit Courts	
Judge	194,433
District Court	
Chief Judge	203,633
Associate Judge	181,333;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2024, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

Position	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals	
Chief Judge	245,433
Associate Judge	226,433
Court of Special	

Appeals	
Chief Judge	216,633
Associate Judge	213,633
Circuit Courts	
Judge	204,433
District Court	
Chief Judge	213,633
Associate Judge	191,333;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That beginning July 1, 2025, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

Position	Proposed Salary
Court of Appeals	
Chief Judge	255,433
Associate Judge	236,433
Court of Special Appeals	
Chief Judge	226,633
Associate Judge	223,633
Circuit Courts	
Judge	214,433
District Court	
Chief Judge	223,633
Associate Judge	201,333;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the Honorable William C. Ferguson, IV, President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Enacted under § 1-708 of the Courts Article, March 13, 2022.