

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

No. 1

(Senate Joint Resolution 21)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

The Governor's Salary Commission
Salary Recommendations
For Governor and Lieutenant Governor

FOR the purpose of establishing the salaries to be paid the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, as directed by Article II, Section 21A of the Constitution, for the four-year term of office beginning January 17, 1979.

An amendment ratified by the voters of Maryland in November, 1976, added Section 21A to Article II of the Constitution which establishes a seven-member Governor's Salary Commission comprised of the State Treasurer, three members appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. In July, 1977, the Governor's Salary Commission was constituted as follows: State Treasurer, William S. James; appointments by the President of the Senate: Bruce Adams, Frank A. Gunther, and Genevieve H. Wilson; appointments by the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Howard I. Scaggs, Alfred L. Scanlan, and W. Robert M. Valliant. The Commission elected Alfred L. Scanlan Chairman.

Pursuant to Constitution Article II, Section 21A, this Joint Resolution may be amended to decrease but not increase the salaries recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission, although the salaries may not be decreased below their January, 1978 levels. If the General Assembly fails to adopt a Joint Resolution in accordance with Article II, Section 21A, within 50 calendar days after introduction of this Resolution, the salaries recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission shall apply effective January 17, 1979. If the General Assembly amends the Joint Resolution, the salaries specified in the Joint Resolution, as amended, shall apply.

The work of the Governor's Salary Commission, at six meetings conducted September, 1977 through January, 1978, included consideration and analysis of available gubernatorial compensation and allowances data; development and publication of tentative Commission positions with respect to salaries, perquisites, and related matters; solicitation of public views regarding the Commission's tentative proposals; and final determinations as presented in the Commission's report to the General Assembly.