in certain more populous counties of the State the gravity of judicial burdens requires some addition to the basic salary of the Judges residing therein; and

Whereas, The said Commission recommends that the salaries of the Judges of the Court of Appeals ought to be increased SINCE SAID SALARIES ARE LOWER THAN THOSE OF SOME LOWER COURT JUDGES; now therefore

- SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 48 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), entitled "Courts", subtitle, "Salaries of Judges", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:
- 48. (a) The salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be [Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars] TWENTY Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) per annum; the salary of each of the Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be [Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars] NINETEEN Thousand Dollars (\$19,000) per annum.
- (b) The salary of each of the several Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City shall be Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500.00) per annum.
- (c) The salary of each of the Judges of the several Circuit Courts of the first seven Judicial Circuits shall be Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) per annum. except for such of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the Third Circuit who shall reside in Baltimore County, such of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the Sixth Circuit who shall reside in Montgomery County, and such of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the Seventh Circuit who shall reside in Prince George's County, whose salaries shall be Thousand Dollars (\$\$) per annum.
- (d) Whenever the salary of a Circuit Judge from any of the several counties shall be greater than Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) per annum, the County Commissioners in the County wherein resides any such Judge are hereby authorized and directed to levy such tax as may be necessary and sufficient to carry out the provisions of this Act, or to provide for the same out of the proceeds of the general tax levy to the extent that the salary of any such Judge residing in any such county shall exceed the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) per annum.