

The General Assembly believes that salaries of judges should be uniform without local supplementation. However, in the face of the present constitutional authority given to Baltimore City to supplement judges' salaries, the General Assembly does not now have the ultimate and final authority as to judges' salaries. The disparity in payments to judges also includes pensions and other emoluments paid to judges by some political subdivisions.

As a means of showing the intention of the General Assembly, a proposal is pending to specify a salary for judges on the circuit court level of \$30,500.00 annually, to be effective on July 1, 1969. This proposal, considered in relation to the date of its effect and to the General Assembly's request that additional supplementation be avoided, will permit a further review of this situation at the 1969 Session of the General Assembly against the constitutional and other provisions then in effect.

Accordingly, the General Assembly, in view of pending constitutional changes affecting the whole subject of judges' salaries and pensions, is requesting the several counties and Baltimore City to desist from any further changes in their supplementation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the several counties in this State and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore are requested not to supplement salaries of judges in their jurisdictions so as to increase the total judicial salary paid to a judge on the circuit court level to a figure higher than \$30,500.00; and be it further

Resolved, That the several counties and Baltimore City are requested not to provide any further supplementation as to pensions or emoluments of judges; and be it further

Resolved, That the several counties and Baltimore City are requested thus to permit the General Assembly without the further pressure of vested interests to consider the whole problem of judicial salaries and pensions for the 1969 Session of the General Assembly in the light of constitutional provisions then in effect; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State of Maryland is directed to send copies of this Joint Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners or County Council in each county of the State and to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

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(House Joint Resolution 96)

House Joint Resolution requesting a special committee of the Legislative Council and the Mass Transit Steering Committee and such others as necessary be formed to study in detail the matters of mass and rapid transit in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area.