

the resident Delegate and Senator from the 36th District by January 1, 1976; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Members of the General Assembly from Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties.

Approved April 1, 1975.

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No. 8

(Senate Joint Resolution 1)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Pensions - Study of Judicial System

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor of Maryland to appoint a commission to make a study of the Judicial Pension System and requesting the Commission to submit its report in 1976.

WHEREAS, The provisions of the pension system now provided for members of the judiciary in Maryland have been reviewed and revised for various reasons in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Despite these amendments of the Judicial pension laws, the judicial system still is in need of further review; and

WHEREAS, Some of the problems in the judicial system that need correction are the following:

1. Development of an actuarially sound basis for the system. What started as a noncontributory system in its early form was revised in 1969 to place newly appointed judges on a contributory basis and has now been further amended to bring as many judges as possible under the contributory system. This change in form of the system now warrants consideration of its actuarial base and further change to assure the financial soundness of the system.

2. Consideration of the effect of growth in the number of judges entering the system. The size of the State's judiciary has steadily grown with the creation and then expansion of the Court of Special Appeals, the expansion of judgeships at the Circuit Court level, and