

General Assembly Compensation Commission

FOR the purpose of providing that all members of the General Assembly[[, except the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House,]] shall receive equal rates of compensation and pensions; providing that officers of the Senate and of the House of Delegates may receive certain compensation; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland

Article III - Legislative Department
Section 15(3)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 15(3) of Article III - Legislative Department, of the Constitution of Maryland, the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:

Article III - Legislative Department

15.

(3) Within 15 days after the beginning of the regular session of the General Assembly in 1974 and within 15 days after the beginning of the regular session in each fourth year thereafter, the Commission by formal resolution shall submit its determinations for compensation and allowances to the General Assembly. The General Assembly may reduce or reject, but shall not increase any item in the resolution. The resolution, with any reductions that shall have been concurred in by joint resolution of the General Assembly, shall take effect and have the force of law as of the beginning of the term of office of the next General Assembly. RATES OF COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS SHALL BE UNIFORM FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EXCEPT [[THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, WHO MAY HAVE HIGHER COMPENSATION AS DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPENSATION COMMISSION]] THAT THE OFFICERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES MAY RECEIVE HIGHER COMPENSATION AS DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPENSATION COMMISSION. The provisions [thereof] OF THE COMPENSATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION shall continue in force until superseded by any succeeding resolution.