

(5) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

(6) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A MEMBER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.

(7) THE CONCURRENCE OF AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS IS REQUIRED FOR ANY FORMAL COMMISSION ACTION.

(8) THE COMMISSION MAY REQUEST AND RECEIVE ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION FROM ANY UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

(C) (1) NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 1980, THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS TO THE SALARIES AND PENSIONS OF THE JUDGES OF THE COURTS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION. THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN HIS BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR FUNDING NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, CONTINGENT ON ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) BEGINNING IN 1982 AND EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE SALARIES AND PENSIONS OF THE JUDGES OF THE COURTS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION. AFTER 1980, THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT LEAST EVERY 4 YEARS, ACCOUNTING FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1980. EACH SET OF COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE HANDLED AND BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

~~(3) THE COMMISSION MAY RECOMMEND AGAINST INCREASING SALARIES OR PENSIONS, BUT MAY NOT RECOMMEND REDUCING SALARIES OR PENSIONS BELOW THE LEVEL IN EFFECT WHEN THE RECOMMENDATION IS MADE.~~

(D) (1) THE SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMISSION BECOME EFFECTIVE UNLESS EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY THE FIFTIETH DAY OF ITS SESSION IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE, REJECTS OR REDUCES ALL THE SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS OR THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SALARIES OF THE JUDGES OF ONE OR MORE OF THE COURTS, REJECTION OR REDUCTION SHALL BE BY VOTE OF AT LEAST TWO THIRDS OF ALL THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES, BUT A REDUCTION MAY NOT DIMINISH THE SALARY OF A JUDGE DURING HIS CONTINUANCE IN OFFICE. IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REJECTS ANY OR ALL OF THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS, THE SALARIES OF THE JUDGES AFFECTED REMAIN UNCHANGED, UNLESS MODIFIED UNDER OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW. THE SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMISSION SHALL BE INTRODUCED AS A JOINT RESOLUTION IN EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOT LATER THAN THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE SESSION. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY AMEND THE JOINT