

~~certain items included in the Resolution of the General Assembly Compensation Commission dated January 11, 2006, that address proposed changes to in-district travel and the Legislative Pension Plan for members of the General Assembly; providing that the allowance for in-district travel and the provisions of the Legislative Pension Plan shall remain at the levels set by the Resolution of the General Assembly Compensation Commission dated January 11, 2002; and generally relating to recommendations of the Governor's Salary Commission and the General Assembly Compensation Commission.~~

~~WHEREAS, Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution established a seven-member Governor's Salary Commission comprised of the State Treasurer, three members appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Governor's Salary Commission is currently constituted as follows: Nancy K. Kopp, State Treasurer; Barry Gossett, Robert R. Neall, and James L. Shea appointed by the President of the Senate; John Dillon, George L. Russell, Jr., and Albert (Bud) Winchester III appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Commission elected George L. Russell, Jr. as Chairman; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, this Joint Resolution may be amended to decrease, but not increase, the salaries recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission. The salaries may not be decreased below their January 2006 levels. If the General Assembly fails to adopt a Joint Resolution in accordance with Article II, Section 21A within 50 calendar days after introduction of this Joint Resolution, the salaries recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission shall apply effective January 17, 2007. If the General Assembly amends this Joint Resolution, the salaries specified in the Joint Resolution, as amended, shall apply; and~~

~~WHEREAS, At the meetings, conducted from November through December 2005, the Commission evaluated gubernatorial compensation relative to a number of principles: growth in the responsibilities of the office; compensation commensurate with the stature of this high office; changes in the cost of living; maintenance of a reasonable differential between the Governor's salary and of other major State officials in Maryland; and acceptable comparability with salaries of the governors of other states. The Commission selected tentative salaries for the two offices and solicited public views regarding its proposals. Thereafter, the Commission made its final determinations which are presented in this Resolution and discussed in the Commission's Report, dated January 2006; now, therefore, be it~~

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That pursuant to Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, the annual salaries recommended by the Governor's Salary Commission be adopted as follows, to be effective January 17, 2007, for the 4-year term of office:

Governor: ~~\$150,000;~~ and

~~For the first year, \$155,000;~~

~~For the second year, \$160,000;~~