

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

reduction may diminish the salary of a judge during his continuance in office. The General Assembly may not amend this Joint Resolution to increase these recommended salaries. Should the General Assembly not adopt or amend this Joint Resolution within 50 days of its introduction the salaries recommended herein shall apply during fiscal year 1989. Should the General Assembly reject any or all of the salaries herein recommended, the salaries of the judges so affected shall remain unchanged during fiscal year 1989, unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held 30 meetings between December of 1980 and January of 1989. It met with numerous persons, including legislators, executive officials, bar associations, and judges. The Commission considered many aspects and facets of judicial compensation. The Commission by a vote of 5 or more of its members has recommended judicial salaries for fiscal year 1989, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, As recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission, beginning July 1, 1988, that the salaries for Maryland's Judiciary be those proposed in the Commission's 1986 Report modified by a percentage increase equivalent to any general salary increase granted State employees beginning July 1, 1988. The general salary increase recommended by the Governor for fiscal 1989, to begin July 1, 1988, is 4%. Should the General Assembly adopt a general salary increase other than 4%, the amount to be added to the salaries recommended in the Commission's 1986 Report shall be adjusted in concert with a general increase less than but not greater than 4%, the resultant figure inclusive of any salary increases that would otherwise be provided by operation of Section 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article. Based on salaries recommended by the Commission's 1986 Report, to which is added a general salary increase of 4%, and with the resultant amounts rounded to the next higher \$100, the salary levels for Maryland's Judiciary beginning July 1, 1988, shall be as follows:

Appeals	
Chief	\$88,400
Associate	86,900
Special Appeals	
Chief	85,300
Associate	83,800
Circuit	
Judge	82,200
District	
Chief	83,800
Associate	76,000.