

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 1998. 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 1998 unless modified under other provisions of the law; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial Compensation Commission held several meetings between December of 1996 and January of 1997. 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 1998; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That after considering recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission, beginning July 1, 1997, judicial salaries shall be as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Salary</u>
Court of Appeals		
Chief Judge	\$124,500	\$133,500
		<u>\$124,500</u>
Associate Judge	107,300	116,300
		<u>107,300</u>
Court of Special Appeals		
Chief Judge	\$103,000	\$112,000
		<u>\$103,000</u>
Associate Judge	100,300	109,300
		<u>100,300</u>
Circuit Courts		
Judge	\$96,500	\$105,500
		<u>\$ 96,500</u>
District Court		
Chief Judge	\$100,300	\$109,300
		<u>\$100,300</u>
Associate Judge	89,200	98,200
		<u>89,200</u>

For Fiscal Year 1998, these salaries include any general salary increase attributable to the provisions of § 1-703(b) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.

Signed April 8, 1997.