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**10 AN ACT CONCERNING**

20 Compensation of the Governor and Lt. Governor

30 FOR allowing the compensation of the Governor and Lt. Governor to more accurately reflect deserved compensation.

40 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments

50 Constitution of Maryland

60 Article II, Executive Department

70 Section 21A. Salaries of Governor and Lieutenant Governor; Governor's Salary Commission.

80 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

90 That the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:

- 100 (a) The salaries of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be as provided in this section.
- 110 (b) The Governor's Salary Commission is created. It consists of seven members: The State Treasurer; three  
120 appointed by the President of the Senate; and three appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.  
130 Members of the General Assembly and officers and employees of the State or a political subdivision of the  
140 State are not eligible for appointment to the Commission. The members of the Commission shall elect a  
150 member to be chairman, and the concurrence of at least five members is required for any formal  
160 commission action. The terms of members shall be for 4 years, except that the persons first appointed to the  
170 Commission shall serve from June 1, 1977 until May 31, 1980. The members of the Commission are  
180 eligible for reappointment. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for  
190 expenses incurred in carrying out responsibilities under this section.
- 200 (c) Within ten days after the commencement of the regular session of the General Assembly in 1978, and  
210 within ten days after the commencement of the regular session of the General Assembly each fourth year  
220 thereafter, the Commission shall make a written recommendation to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
230 and other members of the General Assembly as to the salary of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.
- 240 (d) The recommendation shall be introduced as a joint resolution in each House of the General Assembly  
250 not later than the fifteenth day of the session. The General Assembly may amend the joint resolution to  
260 decrease the recommended salaries, but may not amend the joint resolution to increase the recommended  
270 salaries. If the General Assembly fails to adopt a joint resolution in accordance with this section within 50  
280 days after its introduction, the salaries recommended by the Commission shall apply. If the General  
290 Assembly amends the joint resolution in accordance with this section, the salaries specified in the joint  
300 resolution, as amended, shall apply. If the Commission recommends no salary change, a joint resolution  
310 shall not be introduced.
- 320 ~~(e) The Commission may not recommend salaries lower than that received by the incumbent Governor at~~  
330 ~~the time the recommendation is made; and the General Assembly may not amend the joint resolution to~~  
340 ~~provide for salaries lower than that received by the incumbent Governor and Lieutenant Governor.~~
- 350 (Æ) A change in salary resulting from either Commission recommendation or amended joint resolution  
360 under this section shall take effect at the beginning of the next ensuing term of the Governor and Lieutenant  
370 Governor.

380 (gF) Commission inaction or failure of the Commission to meet the requirements of this section with  
390 respect to proposing a change in salary for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall result in no change  
400 in salary.

410 **MANDATES:**

420 Martin O'Malley, Governor  
430 Michael Busch, Speaker of the House  
440 Thomas V. Miller, President of the Senate  
450 Nancy K. Kopp, Treasurer of Maryland

Sponsor:

Scott Thomas Besore, Delegation Chair Person, Salisbury University.