

*Resolved*, that the investigation be directed towards determining whether the Legislative Council of Maryland should consider possible legislation to control such practices; and, be it further,

*Resolved*, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Medical-Chirurgical Faculty and the Office of Consumer Protection.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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No. 40

(House Joint Resolution 43)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland to Appoint a special Commission to Review and Prepare Recommendations for Revision of the Public Library Law.

WHEREAS, It was the intent of the 1945 Public Libraries Law to establish a strong statewide system of public libraries under the leadership and supervision of the Division of Library Extension of the State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland has enacted successive laws providing increased financial aid for the support of local public library systems; and

WHEREAS, The enactment of these laws has resulted in the establishment of a public library system in every political subdivision of the State; and

WHEREAS, Certain inadequacies in the 1945 law and a series of local exemptions have resulted in a lack of clear delineation of the respective responsibilities of the State and local political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, New developments in the output of information, education attainment, communication and technology are creating needs for new approaches to library and information resources and services; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Governor is requested to appoint a special commission to make a comprehensive study of the public library systems throughout the State with particular reference to the current and emerging library needs and the respective responsibilities of the State and local political subdivisions; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Commission recommend comprehensive legislation relating to its findings; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a preliminary report be made to the Governor and the General Assembly prior to the 1969 Session of the General Assembly; and be it further