

and to report the facts and recommendations made as a result of the investigation to the General Assembly prior to the 1971 Session.

WHEREAS, Many of the local jails in the State of Maryland do not meet the minimum requirements as set forth by the Department of Correctional Service; and

WHEREAS, The populations of local jails are predominantly comprised of persons who are awaiting trial but are unable to afford bail; and

WHEREAS, Many young persons incarcerated in local jails are there for their first time but are required to associate with older, more experienced offenders; and

WHEREAS, It appears that the sanitary conditions and general facilities of the several local jails in the State are below the standard and minimum requirements as enumerated by the Department of Correctional Services; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that the expense of building new, modern local jails is high and may, in certain areas, be considered prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, It appears that regional detention centers would solve the problem of better facilities at reasonable cost; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council is requested to appoint a committee to study in depth the need for regional detention centers and to report the facts and recommendations made as a result of the investigation to the General Assembly prior to the 1971 Session; and be it further*

*Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to every member of the Legislative Council, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS AND THE JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS AND THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY.*

Approved April 22, 1970.

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No. 54

(House Joint Resolution 96)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to study and determine whether the Chesapeake Bay may be open to all oystering residents of the State ~~or whether each bordering county is entitled to a reserved section.~~

WHEREAS, for purposes of oystering, it is unclear as to whether the waters of the Chesapeake Bay are considered to be Maryland waters or waters of the county adjoining the Bay; and

WHEREAS, there is some doubt as to the equable oystering privileges enjoyed by all counties; and

WHEREAS, some counties enjoy the right of oystering in certain sections of the Chesapeake Bay contiguous to them which are not enjoyed by other counties; and