

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Legislative Council.

Approved May 6, 1971.

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No. 39

(House Joint Resolution 59)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to study the feasibility of consolidating the historical commissions of the State under a unified Department of Historical Commissions and Museums.

WHEREAS, In recent years there has been an increase in the number of Maryland historical commissions with a corresponding increase in their budgetary funds; and

WHEREAS, These historical commissions presently are the Maryland Historical Trust, the Capital City Commission, ~~Historic Annapolis, Incorporated~~, the War Memorial Commission, St. Mary's City Commission, the Hall of Records Commission, the Commission on Negro History, the New Life Commission, and the Bi-Centennial Commission; and

WHEREAS, There is considerable confusion and overlapping as a result of these various commissions; and

WHEREAS, It is evident that greater efficiency and economy could be attained by consolidating some or all of these commissions under a unified Department of Historical Commissions and Museums; and

WHEREAS, The Historical and Museum Commission of Pennsylvania would serve well as a model for a unified Department of Historical Commissions and Museums for Maryland; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Legislative Council of Maryland be requested to study the feasibility of consolidating the historical commissions of the State under a unified Department of Historical Commissions and Museums; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Council report the results of its study to the General Assembly at the 1972 Legislative Session; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Legislative Council, Honorable William S. James, and to the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe.

Approved May 6, 1971.