

Senate Calendar No. A 54 House Calendar No. _____

Introduced by Senators Clark, Mitchell, Steinberg, Steers, Abrams, Bailey, Bauman, Bertorelli, Bishop, Blount, Bozick, Byrnes, Conroy, Crawford, Curran, Dalton, Emanuel, Finney, Goodman, Hall, Hodges, Hoyer, James, Mason, McAuliffe, McGuirk, Pascal, Schweinhaut, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Stone, and Welcome

RESOLUTION ⁵⁶ 17

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

Senate Joint Resolution effecting ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

By the SENATE, March 8, 1973.
Rules suspended. Introduced, read first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.
By order, ODEN BOWIE, Secretary.

By the SENATE, March 28, 1973.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Favorable.
J. Joseph Curran, Chairman

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, read second time and ordered printed for third reading.
By order, ODEN BOWIE, Secretary.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

SJR56(3.1)

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Senate Joint Resolution effecting ratification of the
2 Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the
3 United States.

4 WHEREAS, The Fifteenth Amendment to the
5 Constitution of the United States was proposed to the
6 Legislatures of the several states on the twenty-sixth
7 day of February, 1869; and

8 WHEREAS, The Fifteenth Amendment was declared to
9 have been ratified in a proclamation by the Secretary
10 of State on the thirtieth day of March, 1870, and thus
11 became a constitutional provision; and

12 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland has not
13 previously ratified the Fifteenth Amendment; and

14 WHEREAS, The Fifteenth Amendment has long been a
15 vital part of the Constitution of the United States;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The General Assembly agrees with the
18 intent of the Fifteenth Amendment and the principles
19 therein enunciated; and

20 WHEREAS, The Fifteenth Amendment provides as
21 follows:

22 Section 1. The right of citizens of the
23 United States to vote shall not be denied or
24 abridged by the United States or by any State on
25 account of race, color, or previous condition of
26 servitude.

27 Section 2. The Congress shall have power to
28 enforce this article by appropriate legislation;
29 now, therefore, be it

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
[[Double brackets]] indicate matter stricken out of bill.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56 SJR56(3.1)

1 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That
2 the General Assembly hereby effects ratification of
3 the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the
4 United States; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State of this
6 State shall forward copies of this Resolution under
7 the Great Seal of Maryland to the Honorable William P.
8 Rogers, Secretary of State of the United States, 2201
9 C Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20520, and the
10 Honorable Arthur F. Sampson, Acting Administrator of
11 the General Services Administration, 18th and F
12 Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20405.

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Approved:



Governor.



President of the Senate.



Speaker of the House of Delegates.