

Government and municipal corporations, and to recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly the enactment of such legislation relating thereto as may be deemed desirable.

WHEREAS, the Public Local Laws of the State constitute a much greater volume of the legislation of the State than do the Public General Laws; and

WHEREAS, If the County Commissioners were given the power to regulate many matters of purely local concern, it would relieve the General Assembly of a great amount of work and would at the same time add to the convenience of the people living in the several counties; and

WHEREAS, Much of the legislation enacted at each session of the General Assembly is of such a nature that the County Commissioners could accomplish the same purpose if given the power and could more promptly modify or amend such enactments if unsatisfactory; and

WHEREAS, Local legislation affecting purely local affairs should be regulated by local governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, There are one hundred and fifty incorporated cities and towns, exclusive of Baltimore City, in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Each of these cities and towns has been incorporated by a special Act of the General Assembly of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Each of these charters contain provisions very similar to each other; and

WHEREAS, These special charters or Acts constitute a large part of the Code of Public Local Laws; and

WHEREAS, At each session of the General Assembly of Maryland numerous bills amending these charters are considered, thereby consuming a considerable part of the time of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, This condition results in duplication, confusion and unnecessary work on the part of any one concerned with the powers of municipal corporation in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Several States have conferred considerable legislative power upon the governing bodies of the Counties and