

Commission, consisting of not less than eleven (11) members, to study the need and desirability of having a State Constitutional Convention to revise the Constitution of the State and to submit the results of its study, together with any recommendations, to the Legislative Council on or before October 1, 1946 and to the General Assembly which convenes in January, 1947.

Approved April 23, 1945.

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NO. 17.

(Senate Joint Resolution 17)

A Joint Resolution authorizing and directing the Governor to appoint a Commission to confer and act jointly with a similar Commission of Virginia for the purpose of re-studying the Compact of 1785 and the concurrent legislation respecting the fisheries of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay and to report as to the need for additional legislation with respect thereto and as to the desirability of creating a joint inter-State authority to consider the problems in connection with the fisheries of the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay and to submit a report containing its conclusions and recommendations.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-eighth day of March in the year 1785 the states of Maryland and Virginia entered into a compact to regulate and settle the jurisdiction and navigation of the Potomac and the lower part of the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, That compact did establish that the right of fishing in the river shall be common to, and equally enjoyed by, the citizens of both states, and that all laws and regulations which may be necessary for the preservation of fish shall be made with the mutual consent and approbation of both states; and

WHEREAS, since that time the fisheries of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay have greatly developed, increased, and then declined with a corresponding and continuing increase in the problems having to do with the regulation, conservation, and development of the fisheries; and