

in the best interests of the State that a preference in employment be given to Maryland residents on all public works being constructed or carried on by the State and paid for in whole or in part with money raised by Maryland taxes, and

WHEREAS, many other States now require that a preference be given to their respective residents on all public works, and

WHEREAS, to avoid any possible question as to the constitutionality of any law that might be passed on this matter at this 1958 Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, it has been thought advisable to establish a State policy on this subject by this Resolution; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it be and it is hereby declared to be the policy of the State of Maryland that in the employment of laborers, mechanics and other workmen, except supervisory personnel not to exceed 10% of the total working force, on all public works being paid for in whole or in part with State or other public funds, a preference shall be given to available persons who have been residents of Maryland for at least six months immediately prior to their employment, and be it further

*Resolved,* That all Departments and Agencies of the State of Maryland be and they are hereby authorized and requested to provide for such preference in the specifications on which bids for any State public works are to be based, and be it still further

*Resolved,* That all bidders on such public works be requested in such specifications to specifically agree to observe and carry out such preference in giving employment on any such public works for which they may be awarded a contract, and be it still further

*Resolved,* That the Board of Public Works be and it is hereby requested to coordinate and cooperate with all of the State agencies affected by this resolution, to the end that a uniform specification, insofar as possible, be prepared to carry out the intent of this resolution, and be it still further

*Resolved,* That where such residents of Maryland are not available, where such preference might affect the use of contributions from other sources for such public works, or in other unusual situations the Board of Public Works shall have authority to alter, relax, or excuse the giving of the employment preference herein provided for.