

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a seven-member Commission on Federal Aid for Rural Water and Sewerage Facilities be appointed by the Governor, said Commission to study all aspects involved in obtaining Federal AND/OR STATE aid for rural water and sewerage facilities and to report its findings, together with any recommendations it may have, to the Legislative Council and to the members of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 1955; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Governor be requested to allocate a sum in the Supplemental Budget to finance an adequate and effective study by the Commission; and be it further*

*Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor.*

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No. 11

(Senate Joint Resolution 19)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to study the subject matter of Senate Bill No. 323, relating to the distribution of funds by the State to local sub-divisions.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 323 proposes to restrict the amount of funds that are collected by the State of Maryland and then re-distributed to the various sub-divisions of the State; and

WHEREAS, This plan of sharing certain State funds with the sub-divisions was established by the Sherbow Commission in 1947, which Commission envisaged that after the passage of a number of years, the plan for sharing of the State's funds should be re-examined in the light of then existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, Since 1947, there has been no re-examination of the soundness or wisdom of continuing this distribution of funds, and furthermore, there has been a change in the relative financial standing of the State to the political sub-divisions, that where formerly a surplus of State funds existed there now is a shortage of State revenue and the political sub-divisions now have greatly increased funds for their needs; and

WHEREAS, It is felt that the question of distribution and sharing of funds with the sub-divisions be re-examined; now therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council be requested to study the subject matter of Senate Bill No. 323, and review the distribution of State funds among the political sub-divisions, such study to be undertaken with the cooperation of*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.