

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland.

Approved April 8, 1959.

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No. 23

(House Joint Resolution 31)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to appoint a Commission to study the economic development problems related to water uses and to give consideration to any legislation needed to clarify water rights as they may be related to such development in the State for adequate future supply where needed.

WHEREAS, The water resources of Maryland are important and will be of greater importance as the population and economy of the State grow and expand; and

WHEREAS, The rights of landowners and others to use water are not clearly spelled out in the statutes and court decisions have not fully developed these rights as of this time; and

WHEREAS, The people of Maryland are interested in a clarification of their rights to use water and this clarification of rights is essential in order to obtain the most beneficial use of water by the different users in the State; and

WHEREAS, The problem requires study; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates be requested to appoint a Commission to study the factors related to the right to use water in Maryland and to give careful consideration to legislation which may be required to clarify these rights; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Commission shall consist of eleven members, including a Chairman and, on this Commission there shall be, in addition to the Chairman, equal representation of agricultural and urban users of water, and that the Commission be authorized to call upon the services of technical personnel from other State agencies, this personnel to assist the Commission in an advisory capacity; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to allot to this Commission from contingent monies at his disposal, in order that the Commission may conduct its study and publish its findings and report; and be it further

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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.