

*Resolved*, That the Commission be requested, if possible, to report the results of its findings to the General Assembly at its 1960 Session.

Approved April 28, 1959.

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No. 27

(Senate Joint Resolution 15)

Senate Joint Resolution ratifying Article 14 of the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS, The 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was proposed to the Legislatures of the States of the United States by the 39th Congress on the 16th day of June, 1866; and

WHEREAS, On the 21st day of July, 1868, the Congress adopted and transmitted to the Department of State of the United States, a concurrent resolution declaring that the requisite number of three-fourths of the States of the Union had ratified the said 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and that the said 14th Amendment was thereby declared to be a part of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland on March 23, 1867, rejected the proposed 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and has not since ratified the same; and

WHEREAS, The said 14th Amendment has long been a vital part of the Constitution of the United States and should be ratified by the State of Maryland to show the concurrence of this great State with the principles therein enunciated; and

WHEREAS, The said 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides as follows, viz:

SECTION 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

SEC. 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the mem-

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.