

need for a modernization of the commission form of government if it is to continue and if counties wish to remain important units of local government that the proposal deserves serious study; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor is requested to appoint a commission which shall consist of nine members, three of whom shall be members of the House of Delegates, three of whom shall be members of the Senate, two of whom shall be selected from recommendations of the County Commissioners Association, and one of whom shall be selected from the political science department of a university or college in the State; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the commission so appointed shall undertake a study of local government in the State of Maryland and that the study shall particularly consider (1) the adoption of uniform accounting, auditing and budgeting procedures for the counties; ~~(2) the unhampered and unrestricted delegation by the State to the counties of local matters;~~ ~~(3)~~ (2) the establishment of a guideline or framework of county government that would include proper personnel and proper procedures to carry out complicated administrative details; ~~(4)~~ (3) the adoption of a system of laws that would enable the local government authorities to exercise proper administrative controls over county government agencies; ~~(5)~~ (4) the coordination of activities and functions in the county government and between the county and State government; and ~~(6)~~ (5) the advisability of periodic recodification of local laws; and be it further

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

(Not signed by the Governor).

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No. 61

(House Joint Resolution 24)

House Joint Resolution requesting appointment of a Commission representing the governments of Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard Counties, to study and report upon existing mutual problems relating to the provision of water, sanitary sewerage and drainage services in the Baltimore Metropolitan District.

WHEREAS, the Counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard and the City of Baltimore represent a logical area to be treated as an entity for engineering purposes in connection with the provision of water, sanitary sewerage and drainage; and

WHEREAS, there are unresolved problems of financial relationships under existing laws now governing the provision of water, sanitary sewerage and drainage, and these problems are assuming a greater importance than heretofore because of the increasing requirements