

for sanitary facilities in newly developed areas and because of the important relationship between the provision of basic sanitary facilities and the nature of development that may occur in the future; and

WHEREAS, PROVISION OF WATER, SANITARY SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE IN RAPIDLY EXPANDING POPULATION AREAS IS A REGIONAL PROBLEM AND IS A MATTER OF CONCERN, NOT ONLY TO THE LOCAL AREAS INVOLVED, BUT ALSO TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROVISION OF THESE FACILITIES AND THE PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE STATE; AND

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Metropolitan Area Study Commission has been studying the general problem of metropolitan government in this area, and is expected to make its final report during 1964 so that it will be available for use by the 1965 General Assembly, and that Commission has already indicated its belief that water and sewer functions in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area should be handled by an Authority but has not undertaken the detailed fiscal and engineering analysis that would enable the governments affected to determine whether or not a separate Authority would be the most efficacious method of organizing for administration of the services and whether such a reorganization would be to the benefit of their citizens. Moreover, studies need to be conducted to enable an intelligent determination of the policies under which transition to an Authority form of administration could be achieved, if that should be determined to be the best approach. Even if there were no basic change in the present responsibilities of the presently constituted local governments with respect to water and sanitary sewerage, the results of such studies should assist immeasurably in determining future course of financial relationships between the Counties and Baltimore City; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor establish a Commission charged with the duty of studying the present and prospective water supply, drainage and sanitary sewerage systems for the Baltimore Metropolitan Area comprising Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard Counties; and be it further*

*Resolved, That said Commission shall make detailed studies as to the appropriate powers, duties, functions and obligations of the several governments involved with relation to water, sanitary sewerage and drainage, and shall study the desirability of creating an Authority to deal with these functions, including the relationship of any such Authority to and with all units of government within the area; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Study Commission shall give particular attention to problems of allocation of financial responsibility of the metropolitan water and sewer functions under present law and under an Authority form; and be it further*

*Resolved, That said Commission shall maintain liaison with the Baltimore Metropolitan Area Study Commission in order that the study authorized herein shall be available for the purpose of enabling*