

11, 1965, indicates as a possibility that in the 1967 Session the Senate of Maryland may have its membership increased from 29 to 43 Senators.

This increase would be added to the extra allotment of 19 members of the House of Delegates made at the Special Session of May 25, 1962. Study should be made of the effect of the increased membership in both Houses upon various aspects of the rules, procedure, and committee structure in both the Houses.

Obviously, the rules will have to be changed in the Senate, for example, to take account of the increased number of Senators. Perhaps also, as another example, some change should be considered in the traditional committee structure in the Senate whereby the entire membership has been divided among two large committees.

From time to time also there have been suggestions for change in the committee structure of the House of Delegates.

In all these areas, and perhaps others as well, detailed and close consideration should be given to possible changes which would be desirable at the time the 1967 General Assembly convenes; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council during 1966 is requested to give complete study and consideration to the impact of reapportionment upon the operations of the General Assembly and the possible changes which should be considered in the rules, procedures, organization, committee structure, and operations of the two Houses of the General Assembly under the reapportioned legislature.*

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(Senate Joint Resolution 11)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to study possibilities for creating in the State of Maryland a position of Revisor of Statutes.

Members of the General Assembly of Maryland are interested in learning of the possibilities for creating in this State, a legislative staff position of Revisor of Statutes.

Nearly half of the states in the Union seem to have some such position as part of their legislative staff agencies. In those states this officer has the duty of working constantly on revisions and improvements in the statutory law. In some states this officer also works on the editing and publishing of the State Code.

The State of Maryland already carries on considerable statutory revision. This kind of work is done every year in Maryland by special commissions and committees set up to revise some portion of the Maryland laws.

At the same time, it might be useful to have a specific position of this kind set up as part of a program of expanding legislative serv-