

WHEREAS, As of February 1, 1967, the General Assembly has been in session for two weeks and has been delayed in its organization and operation while awaiting the inauguration of the newly-elected Governor and the delivery of the budget which was made on January 27, 1967; and

WHEREAS, The present sessions are limited and the General Assembly should be empowered to organize and proceed with its business at the earliest possible time; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to make the following changes in the State Constitution:

1. A newly-elected Governor should be sworn into office on the thirtieth day after the general election.

2. On this same day the newly-elected General Assembly would meet for one day to select its presiding officers, and transact its other organizational business, following which the General Assembly would be ready for business when the regular session opened.

3. The budget should be submitted on the opening day of each regular session. This would be possible in the case of a newly-elected Governor's first budget by adopting item 1 above; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to bring these changes to the attention of the Constitutional Convention with the endorsement of the General Assembly for their inclusion in the new State Constitution; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That we strongly urge the Constitutional Convention to consider the changes in procedures for a newly-elected Governor and General Assembly proposed herein for inclusion in the new State Constitution; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution are submitted to the officers and appropriate committees of the Constitutional Convention for their consideration.

Approved May 4, 1967.

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No. 42

(House Joint Resolution 20)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland to appoint a commission for the purpose of preparing a long term plan for the preservation of agricultural lands in Maryland and for other related purposes.

WHEREAS, during 1966 the Legislative Council became concerned at what appeared to be one of the results of the growing urbanization of Maryland, the loss of desirable and usable land for agriculture to other uses, often uses which would forever deny the use of this land for agricultural purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council was informed there are land use statutes in other states which have controlled the use of land in an