

*Resolved*, That the heads of the various departments and agencies should be advised that the General Assembly, through its legislative Council, may require them to bring to committee hearings a copy of all publications issued during the current fiscal year to report on, and explain the need for, each publication; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland to advise him that this action has been taken; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the heads of the various departments and agencies of the State.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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No. 31

(House Joint Resolution 4)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Rules Committee of the Court of Appeals to study possibilities for a proposed rule covering the Service of Process on the United States.

WHEREAS, The Committee of State officials on suggested State legislation of the Council of State Governments has proposed a statute covering the Service of Process on the United States.

This statute has been submitted to the consideration of the several states in order to clarify and make certain the proper method for service on the United States when suit is entered in a State court.

The suggested statute is very similar to what has already been provided in the Federal rules of civil procedure when suit against the United States is entered in a Federal court.

The Committee on Intergovernmental Cooperation of the Legislative Council and of the General Assembly in considering this subject noted that it is covered by rule for suits in Federal court and has suggested the possibility that if such a provision is adopted in the State of Maryland, it might also be covered by rule rather than statute.

Accordingly, this Committee is requesting that the Rules Committee of the Court of Appeals of Maryland study the proposed statute covering the Service of Process on the United States in state courts to determine if this subject matter should be covered by rule; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Committee on Rules of the Court of Appeals of Maryland is requested to consider the proposed statute "Service of Process on the United States" as contained in the 1968 Volume of Suggested State Legislation published by the Council of State Governments; and be it further