

State of Maryland or one of its departments or agencies and to prepare corrective legislation.

WHEREAS, It is apparent to the members of the General Assembly that the present system of collecting and recovering certain monies due the State of Maryland or one of its departments or agencies is entirely inadequate; and

WHEREAS, some of these certain monies include, but are not limited to, the payment for the support or maintenance of children or parents, the payment and repayment of State loans for education, the payment and repayment of welfare assistance and non-support payments, and

WHEREAS, the study should incorporate some type of central State Department of Recoveries and Collections whose duty it would be to recover and collect the various monies due the State of Maryland; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Legislative Council be directed to make such a study and to prepare such corrective legislation, and report to the General Assembly at its 1969 Session.*

Approved May 7, 1968.

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No. 60

(House Joint Resolution 93)

House Joint Resolution to set forth the policy of the State of Maryland with respect to the salaries and pensions of judges of the several courts in this State.

WHEREAS, There is a wide disparity in judicial salaries in Maryland on the circuit court level. These salaries are established by statute in the sum of \$20,000.00 to be paid by the State, but a number of political subdivisions supplement the State salary for judges in their respective jurisdictions.

The Judicial Salary and Pension Review Board appointed pursuant to House Joint Resolution 67 of 1966 has recommended the payment by the State of uniform salaries to all circuit court judges and that the local supplementation of judicial salaries should be prohibited.

The problem of supplementation and its possible prohibition is complicated by the presence of Sections 31 and 31A of Article 4 of the Constitution of Maryland which give the power to Baltimore City to supplement judges' salaries. There is pending a proposal to amend the present Constitution, to remove this power from Baltimore City. Also, the proposed new Constitution to be submitted on referendum by the voters on May 14, 1968, would provide for uniform judicial salaries to be paid completely by the State.