

of security guards and special ~~agents~~ POLICE in this state and the relationship between government and private industry in the field of security guards and special police. TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE STATE SENATE AND SHALL BE APPOINTED UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND APPOINTED UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPEAKER, AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM THE POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION.

Approved May 26, 1972.

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No. 38

(Senate Joint Resolution 41)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States to amend The Hatch Political Activities Act of 1939 so as to permit State, County and Municipal employees to fully participate in the election processes of State and local government and urging the Representatives of the State of Maryland in Congress to use their best efforts to promote and support such an amendment.

WHEREAS, The Hatch Political Activities Act of 1939 (as amended) generally prohibits State, County and Municipal employees from holding office, participating in political parties and associations and otherwise restricts the involvement of said employees in their government; and

~~WHEREAS, In 1939 excessive manipulation of State, County and Municipal employees for political purposes warranted legislation proscribing such activities; and~~

WHEREAS, Today, however, such public PUBLIC employees constitute a significant segment of responsible citizens in every State; and

~~WHEREAS, In Maryland the Merit System Law has fostered a sense of integrity and responsible citizenship among public employees; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Dedicated employees interested in political affairs of their government and community have, to the detriment of this State, left career positions to participate in said affairs; and~~

WHEREAS, Accordingly, The Hatch Act of 1939 with its ~~stringent~~ limitations on participation in government by public employees is an anachronism and should be adapted to present conditions; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the General Assembly of Maryland hereby requests the Congress of the United States to amend The Hatch Political Activities Act of 1939 so as to permit State, County and Municipal employees to fully participate in the election processes of State and local government and urges the Representatives of the State of Maryland in Congress to use their best efforts to promote and support such an amendment; and, be it further