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RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Honorable Marvin Mandel; and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, the Honorable Harry R. Hughes.

Approved May 26, 1977.

No. 58*

(House Joint Resolution 20)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Data Processing Equipment and Services - Acquisition

FOR the purpose of requesting the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning to conduct a study of the methods of computer facilities management in the State including evaluation of structural arrangements of a private, public, or combined venture to operate a computer center for the benefit of many small users in the State; to evaluate purchase versus lease or rental of computer hardware; and to report the findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, The House Committee on Appropriations has created a special Subcommittee on State Data Processing to undertake a comprehensive study and analysis of the management, utilization, structure, expenditures, and benefits of the Automatic Data Processing resource in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Numerous questions have been raised on the cost/benefit of replacing State employees under a facilities management contract with contractor personnel to operate and maintain State computer centers; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government and various firms in the commercial sector have employed facilities management successfully for years; and

WHEREAS, The State has been operating under a policy of purchase rather than leasing or renting of computer equipment and peripherals; and

WHEREAS, Such a policy may be beneficial to incumbent vendors and may preclude a fair and competitive bidding situation under a free enterprise system; and