

~~contributes to the State as a whole. Other facilities and State-owned property are located in Somerset County.~~

While every Marylander benefits from ~~Somerset County~~ land these lands owned by the State, the fiscal consequence places a burden on the residents of the each County. The reduced tax base makes it difficult for the county government governments to provide funds for necessary services such as schools and roads.

The federal government has recognized the fact that land taken out of the tax base reduces the revenues of local jurisdictions. It uses revenue sharing funds to compensate local jurisdictions for taxes lost on federally-owned land. ~~Somerset County receives some money under this program. The State of Maryland should shoulder its share of the load in Somerset County; now, therefore, be it~~ The State of Maryland should also shoulder its fair share of the lost tax burden; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to appoint a commission to study methods of compensating ~~Somerset County~~ the counties for tax revenues lost because of State ownership of land; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission be composed of seven members which include the Comptroller of Maryland or his designate, ~~the State Senator elected from the 36th Legislative District, one member of the House of Delegates from the 36th Legislative District, a person nominated by the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the Treasurer of Somerset County,~~ three members of the Maryland House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, two members of the Maryland Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Maryland Senate, and the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Counties, and a resident of Somerset County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That secretarial and staff assistance shall be provided by the Department of Fiscal Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission report its recommendations to the Maryland General Assembly no later than January 10, 1979; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Blair Lee III; the Honorable Louis Goldstein; ~~the County Commissioner of Somerset County, Court House, Princess Anne, Maryland 21853; the Honorable Carlos Boyman, Treasurer of Somerset County, Court House, Princess Anne, Maryland 21853~~ the President of the Senate, the Honorable Steny H. Hoyer, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Honorable John Hanson Briscoe; and Mr. Joseph J. Murnane, Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Counties,