

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

President of the United States, thereby, ranking the United States last in voter turnout among the 15 largest democracies; and

WHEREAS, Blacks, other minorities, women, and the poor represent the greatest percentage of unregistered potential voters; and

WHEREAS, Episodic voter registration campaigns dependent upon volunteers do little to address this growing and critical problem; and

WHEREAS, Agency based voter registration represents an innovative step that systematically and routinely provides for the registration of millions in agencies serving those who are often underrepresented in the electorate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a task force to study and make recommendations for increasing voter registration and participation in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force examine and report on increasing the registration of voters through comprehensive activities examination of various potential opportunities for registration, which may include:

- (1) Registration in schools;
- (2) Registration in U. S. post offices;
- (3) Registration in State government offices;
- (4) Registration at universities and colleges;
- (5) Registration in community centers; and
- (6) Registration in the workplace; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this task force shall make recommendations for the implementation of more effective and comprehensive programs for increasing voter registration and participation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force be composed of members appointed as follows:

(1) 2 members from the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) 2 members from the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

~~(3) -- A representative, appointed by the Governor, from each of the following agencies:~~