

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

No. 1

(Senate Joint Resolution 1)

Joint Resolution to request the appointment of a Commission on State and County Finance.

WHEREAS, the counties of this State have indicated that in their opinion, new and major local tax sources are necessary for them; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has recommended that the two biggest tax sources, the sales and income taxes, must be reserved for the State; and

WHEREAS, fiscal interrelationships between the State and its subdivisions are of prime concern to both levels of government; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the progress of this State that both levels of government be adequately financed in a manner which is, at once, progressive, responsible, equitable and reasonable in its demands upon the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, no long-term approach to, or solution of, these complicated financial interrelationships is promised by positions which, on the one hand, make demands, and, on the other, refuse those demands; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there be created a Study Commission, to be known as the "Commission on State and County Finance", the membership of which shall be composed of ~~eight~~ TEN persons, four of whom shall represent the State and shall be appointed by the Governor, three of whom shall represent the Counties and be appointed by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the ~~State Association of County Commissioners of Maryland~~ MARYLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION, and one of whom shall represent Baltimore City and be appointed by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Mayor of that city, AND TWO OF WHOM SHALL REPRESENT THE SEVERAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE; and be it further

Resolved, That this Study Commission be authorized and directed to investigate the whole field of state-county fiscal relationships and interrelationships and also to study a possible revision of the entire

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.