

report shall be in writing and shall include its detailed findings, recommendations and a draft of any suggested changes or instrument of government together with such other pertinent matters as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate. The Commission shall automatically be discharged on July 1, 1966, without any further action being necessary.

E. The Board of County Commissioners is directed to provide the Commission with such assistance and funds as may be required to enable the Commission to carry out its duties under this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Resolution shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

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No. 32

(House Joint Resolution 35)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland to appoint a Commission of persons to consider means of implementing the purposes of the Patuxent River Watershed Act of 1961 and to propose a permanent organization to administer the Watershed Act and preserve the River and its watershed from pollution.

WHEREAS, a statutory program setting up means to enable the counties of the State lying in the watershed of the Patuxent River to protect the river basin from pollution was enacted by the General Assembly by Chapter 450 of 1961 and is codified as Sections 411A through 411-U of Article 66C of the Annotated Code; and

WHEREAS, the procedures of the Watershed Act allowing counties in the Patuxent Basin to acquire lands or lease lands in order to prevent flooding, conserve the Basin, prevent sedimentation and erosion and prevent urban development and encroachment upon the lands of the Basin is a laudable step in the protection of the natural condition of the River; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately only one of the counties lying in the river basin has to date utilized the procedures of the Act and the funds which have been supplied by the State to match local funds have been used solely by Prince George's County under its basin program; and

WHEREAS, if the watershed program of conservation is to be comprehensive rather than piecemeal, the other counties of the basin must be encouraged to utilize the procedures for the Watershed Act; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has shown its faith and interest in the Watershed Act by supplying matching funds in the General Construction Loans of 1961, 1963 and 1964 in the aggregate amount of \$750,000 excluding the additional sum of \$310,000 which is included in the 1965 General Construction Loan now pending before the General Assembly for the use of the basin counties, but the State