

it shall, if possible, report its findings and legislative recommendations to the General Assembly by its next session; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the several state's attorneys and the public welfare and other relevant agencies are requested to cooperate with the Legislative Council in its continuing endeavor; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution together with the 1966 Legislative Council Committee on Welfare Costs Report be sent to the several state's attorneys and welfare agency directors in the State of Maryland, the Governor, and any other persons deemed necessary by the Legislative Council.

Approved May 4, 1967.

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No. 4

(Senate Joint Resolution 4)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Matters to study alternate means of financing ~~tidewater~~ shore erosion control projects and give particular consideration to the possibility of creating a public authority in the State of Maryland for the specific purpose of regulating and financing such projects.

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay AND ALL OTHER WATERS OF THE STATE, together with the shoreline properties bordering thereon, form one of the State's most valuable basic assets; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of this great natural resource for the use of future generations is in peril from the ravages of uncontrolled shore erosion; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland and the Federal government repeatedly spend large sums of money for the removal of silt and the dredging of channels in the navigable waters of the ~~Bay~~ State; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive studies developed by the Maryland Geological Survey and the surveys undertaken by the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs indicate that the property values of waterfront areas are sufficiently adequate to justify the cost of erecting shore erosion protection works; and the ever increasing demand for desirable land makes shore erosion control of greater concern to the people than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the high cost of constructing shore erosion protection works is beyond the fiscal resources of the citizens and governing bodies of the ~~tidewater~~ counties, notwithstanding the assistance of State aid; and

WHEREAS, the present complacency towards the manifold effects of shore erosion results in serious economic consequences including the loss of needed tax revenues to the community, the counties and the State; now therefore be it