

## (House Joint Resolution 89)

House Joint Resolution expanding the scope of study of the Commission created September 23, 1970, by the Legislative Council of Maryland to identify the various functions of government as being either (1) solely State, (2) solely local, (3) joint State and local to include recommendations as to modifications of intergovernmental fiscal relationships necessary to assure adequate resources for the performance of these functions, and to expand the membership of the Commission from nine to twelve persons.

WHEREAS, The Legislative Council of Maryland, on September 23, 1970, created a nine-man Commission to make an in-depth study of the various functions of government in the State of Maryland in an attempt to define those functions, if any, which should be solely the responsibility of the State, those areas of government which should be solely the responsibility of the local subdivisions, and those areas of government which should be jointly shared as to the responsibility, and

WHEREAS, The Commission is to consist of nine members, three appointed by the Governor, three appointed by the President of the Senate, and three appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, with the charge to the Commission to be the identification of the various areas of government as being either (1) solely State, (2) solely local, (3) joint State and local, and

WHEREAS, The Commission is directed to report the results of this study along with any fiscal implications to the General Assembly by January 1, 1972, and

WHEREAS, An in-depth study of the functions of government cannot proceed without closely related attention to the modifications of intergovernmental fiscal relationships required to carry out the responsibilities and functions assigned to the State and its political subdivisions. The study must take into account the present assignment of sources of revenue for each branch of government, the need and potential for developing new sources of revenue, the need to reassign sources of revenue and the need and methods by which revenues may be shared among and between the branches of government, and

WHEREAS, In addition, the recommendations arising from a study so fundamental to the future of State and local government in Maryland must be comprehensively and thoughtfully debated and benefit from the knowledge of persons actively engaged in State and local government and persons who possess extensive knowledge of the operation and financing of State and local government and should, therefore, include in its membership elected officials of State, county and municipal government and persons from the general public qualified to contribute to such a study; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Commission created September 23, 1970, by the Legislative Council of Maryland to identify the various areas of government as being either (1) solely State, (2) solely local, (3) joint State and local shall expand the scope of its inquiry to include a study of the methods by which*