

No. 40

(Senate Joint Resolution 65)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the initiation of discussion between the states of Maryland and Virginia concerning the Chesapeake Bay to develop an interstate plan for the management of the Bay.

The conservation of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland's greatest natural resource, is one of the most important problems facing the State at this time. Effective control of pollution of the Bay is a matter of vital concern to the State.

Since the Bay cuts across state boundaries and its sources originate in different states, there must be an interstate agency to assure complete and proper management of the Bay. Such an approach has been utilized in other water basins with the establishment of the Delaware River Compact and the drafting of the Susquehanna and Potomac River Compacts; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor of Maryland initiate discussion with the state of Virginia concerning the drafting of legislation establishing an interstate agency to provide proper management of the Chesapeake Bay; and be it further

Resolved, That the result of these discussions could be the formation of a Chesapeake Bay Area Commission formed under the provisions of the Federal Water Resources Act of 1965, which could develop an initial working plan for the entire Bay; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to The Honorable Marvin Mandel, Governor of Maryland, and The Honorable Linwood Holton, Governor of Virginia.

Approved May 26, 1972.

No. 41

(House Joint Resolution 3)

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting appointment of a legislative committee to conduct an in-depth study into the issue of lowering the age of majority from 21 to 18.

WHEREAS, The XXVI Amendment to the Constitution of the United States extends the right to vote to all citizens of the United States who are eighteen years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Maryland ratified this amendment during the 1971 Session by House Joint Resolution 112 which became Joint Resolution 1 when approved by the Governor of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The majority or minority of a person as it pertains to legal age is a factor in many areas of both the common and statutory law of the State of Maryland other than voting; and