
No. 19

(House Joint Resolution 60)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION requesting the Governor to appoint a Commission to study both the effect of federal assisted housing construction on community services and the problems of funding community services caused by housing projects and related construction, and to report to the General Assembly during the 1974 legislative session.

WHEREAS, The federal and state governments are participating in revenue sharing which, among other things, helps the states meet the generally growing cost of and demand for improved and expanded public services; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is requested to provide and does provide substantial State aid to public education, health and welfare, and does thereby relieve the counties of some financial burden; and

WHEREAS, Serious consideration is being given to reducing the burden of local property owners and to transferring more of the burden of meeting such expense to the State; and

WHEREAS, State agencies and local authorities are attracted to federal programs which provide funds for urban renewal, housing developments, and other public construction; and

WHEREAS, Many such federal assisted housing construction endeavors, including housing projects, cause great expense beyond original construction costs, to the community and county where they are located, which expense includes, but is not limited to, police and fire protection, health services, and educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, The federal government should meet some of the additional costs resulting from the effect of federal assisted housing construction on the above-mentioned community services, to minimize the impact of such construction on State and local government; and

WHEREAS, For the foregoing reasons, approval for the construction of low cost housing could involve State burden, therefore, be it appropriate for General Assembly consideration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor be requested to appoint a Commission comprised of representatives of appropriate State agencies, the General Assembly, the construction industry, and other agencies deemed pertinent, to study both the effect of public housing construction on community services and the problems of funding community services caused by housing projects and other public construction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission seek useful methods of developing low cost housing programs to meet the needs of the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall make a report and recommendations, based on its findings, to the General Assembly during the 1974 legislative session; and be it further