

missioner a list of all National banks located and operating within the State of Maryland, and to send copies of this Joint Resolution to the executive head of each such bank.

Approved June 1, 1948.

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NO. 7

(House Joint Resolution No. 3)

Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a Commission to re-examine the Public Welfare Program of the State in any way pertinent to the formulation of the 1950-1951 biennium budget for such agency.

WHEREAS, a request has been made by the Department of Public Welfare for the appropriation for additional funds with which to increase the benefits under and expand certain phases of the public welfare program; and

WHEREAS, the budget appropriations adopted each year have shown substantial increases for welfare purposes; and

WHEREAS, the requested funds for the fiscal year 1949 would bring expenditures for that period to a point 110 percent above the amount appropriated in the budget bill for the 1946-1947 biennium for the fiscal year 1947; and

WHEREAS, the accomplished and projected expansion of the welfare program over this period is primarily concentrated in one category; and

WHEREAS, the report of a recent survey of the operations of the Department of Public Welfare is indicative of the need for a re-examination of the scope of the current and projected programs; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent, in the premises, that the desirability of the current and projected program be weighed against the ability of the people of the State to support such a program; and

WHEREAS, it further appears that a program of the scope contemplated in the projected expansion cannot be supported without additional taxation; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that a re-examination of the whole problem be made by the two coordinate branches of the Government responsible for the allocation of funds, the Exec-