

An examination of the problems and opportunities posed by these phenomena is timely, and guidelines for the major solid waste management decisions of the 1980's are needed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor of Maryland is requested to appoint a Solid Waste Management Commission to investigate the progress of resource recovery technology and markets and to determine how Maryland and its subdivisions best can utilize new developments in these fields; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission is to consist of 11 members; two members of the general public and one member each from the Senate of Maryland, the House of Delegates of Maryland, the Maryland Association of Counties, the Governor's staff, the Maryland Municipal League, a utility company, a local public works agency, and the finance professions. The remaining member, who is to be the chairman of the Commission, shall be a person from the private or academic sectors, familiar with resource recovery; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission members shall receive no salaries, but may receive compensation for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall:

(1) Evaluate Maryland's solid waste load predictions for the next decade and compare the predicted need with approved site capacities;

(2) Consider the advantages and disadvantages of regional and local siting of solid waste management and resource recovery facilities;

(3) Examine any jurisdictional impediments to regional waste management and recommend options for overcoming them;

(4) Examine methods of financing the capital costs of solid waste management facilities including State government loan programs, local government revenue and general obligation bonds, Maryland Environmental Service revenue bonds, and private financing; and

(5) Assess the potential for resource recovery in urban, suburban, and rural regions of Maryland; and

(6) Recommend steps which the State and its political subdivisions may take to secure the greatest benefits from solid waste management and resource recovery activities; and be it further