The change proposed in L2/05-087 has some merit, but needs to be considered with caution since available documentation on Malayalam numeric forms is not consistent, perhaps reflecting changes in usage that have taken place.

In Volume 46 of the Kerala Gazette (p. 31), the Government of Kerala has documented the Malayalam digit zero as having the same glyph as is currently found in the code charts for Unicode 4.0/4.1:

![Malayalam numeric forms](Figure 1. Current glyph for digit zero documented by Kerala Government (Kerala Gazette vol. 46, p. 31))
I have obtained other documentation on Traditional Malayalam numeric forms, shown in Figure 2, the source of which is unknown to me:

![Figure 2. Traditional Malayalam numeric forms (source unknown)](image)

Note that in the latter documentation, the glyph in question is used for the fraction $\frac{1}{4}$.

**References**