

House Concurrent Resolution No. 26

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1851L.011

1 **Whereas**, the Council of State Governments is a nonpartisan, nonprofit
2 organization which forecasts policy trends for the community of states, commonwealths, and
3 territories on a national and regional basis; and
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5 **Whereas**, the Council of State Governments serves executive, judicial, and
6 legislative branches of state government through leadership education, research, and information
7 services; and
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9 **Whereas**, the Council of State Governments currently comprises four regions,
10 including the Eastern Region, Midwestern Region, Southern Region, and Western Region; and
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12 **Whereas**, the state of Missouri is currently a member of the Southern Region of
13 the Council of State Governments; and
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15 **Whereas**, the council's unique structure focuses on the needs and special concerns
16 of the four regions of the United States; and
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18 **Whereas**, as a member of the Southern Region of the Council of State
19 Governments, the state of Missouri has been honored to work with the states of Alabama,
20 Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina,
21 Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia; and
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23 **Whereas**, since the state of Missouri is physically located in the center of the
24 United States in the region commonly known as the "Midwest", it would be more appropriate
25 for the state to be a member of the Midwestern Region of the Council of State Governments:
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27 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the Missouri House
28 of Representatives, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
29 therein, hereby petition the Council of State Governments to remove the State of Missouri's
30 membership from the Southern Region of the Council and place this state's membership into the
31 Midwestern Council of State Governments; and
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33 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
34 be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Governor Joe Manchin
35 III of West Virginia, President of the Council of State Governments; Senator Bart Davis of
36 Idaho, Chair of the Council of State Governments; Colleen Cousineau, Executive Director of the
37 Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments; and Michael H. McCabe,
38 Director of the Midwestern Region of the Council of State Governments.

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