

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2458

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 21.475 and 21.780, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the joint committee on Missouri's future.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 21.475 and 21.780, RSMo, are repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 21.920, to read as follows:

21.920. 1. There is established a joint committee of the general assembly to be known as the "Joint Committee on Missouri's Future".

2. (1) The committee shall be composed of five members of the senate and five members of the house of representatives.

(2) The senate members of the joint committee shall be appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and the house members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(3) The appointment of each member shall continue during the member's term of office as a member of the general assembly or until a successor has been appointed to fill the member's place when his or her term of office as a member of the general assembly has expired.

(4) No party shall be represented by more than three members from the house of representatives nor more than three members from the senate.

(5) A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be required for the determination of any matter within the committee's duties.

3. The committee shall be charged with the following:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 18 **(1) Examining issues that will be impacting the future of the state of Missouri and**
19 **its citizens;**
- 20 **(2) Developing long-term strategies and plans for:**
- 21 **(a) Increasing the economic prosperity and opportunities for the citizens of this**
22 **state;**
- 23 **(b) Improving the health status of our citizens;**
- 24 **(c) Developing an education system that educates students who are capable of**
25 **attending and being productive and successful citizens and designed to successfully prepare**
26 **graduates for global competition;**
- 27 **(d) Investing in and maintaining a modern infrastructure and transportation**
28 **system and identifying potential sources of revenue to sustain such efforts; and**
- 29 **(e) Other areas that the committee determines are vital to improving the lives of the**
30 **citizens of Missouri;**
- 31 **(3) Developing three, five, ten, and twenty year plans for the general assembly to**
32 **meet the long-term strategies outlined in subdivision (2) of this subsection;**
- 33 **(4) Implementing budget forecasting for the upcoming ten years in order to plan**
34 **for the long-term financial soundness of the state; and**
- 35 **(5) Such other matters as the committee may deem necessary in order to determine**
36 **the proper course of future legislative and budgetary action regarding these issues.**
- 37 **3. The committee may solicit input and information necessary to fulfill its**
38 **obligations, including, but not limited to, soliciting input and information from any state**
39 **department or agency the committee deems relevant, political subdivisions of this state, and**
40 **the general public.**
- 41 **4. By January 1, 2011, and every year thereafter, the committee shall issue a report**
42 **to the general assembly with any findings or recommendations of the committee with**
43 **regard to its duties under subsection 2 of this section.**
- 44 **5. Members of the committee shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed**
45 **for reasonable and necessary expenses associated with the performance of their official**
46 **duties.**

2 [21.475. 1. Because wetlands are a vital natural resource and wetland
3 conversion is of vital interest to Missouri farmers, conservationists, and
4 landowners, for oversight of various activities of the department of natural
5 resources and other agencies, the senate and the house of representatives shall
6 establish a "Joint Committee on Wetlands", composed of five members of the
7 senate, appointed by the president pro tem of the senate, and five members of the
8 house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house. Not more than
9 three members appointed by the president pro tem and not more than three
members appointed by the speaker of the house shall be from the same political

10 party. Any state department or agency except the department of conservation and
11 the department of transportation shall obtain the approval of the joint committee
12 on wetlands prior to entering into a contract with any entity of the government or
13 any private entity to conduct any activity relating to the definition, preservation
14 or restoration of wetlands. Each department, division and agency of state
15 government shall provide any information relating to the state's wetlands to the
16 joint committee on wetlands upon request of the committee.

17 2. The committee may hold hearings and conduct investigations within
18 the state as it deems advisable, and the members shall receive no additional
19 compensation, other than reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses
20 incurred in the performance of their duties. The staff of the committee on
21 legislative research, house research, and senate research shall provide necessary
22 clerical, research, fiscal and legal services to the committee, as the committee
23 may request.]
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2 [21.780. Every ten years after August 28, 1997, a review of county
3 salaries shall be made by the general assembly. A committee consisting of three
4 members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker and three
5 members of the senate appointed by the president pro tem shall carry out the
6 review. The committee shall complete its review by December thirty-first of the
7 year in which the committee is appointed. Legislation to revise the then existing
8 salary schedules may be filed at the next following session of the general
assembly.]

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