

House Concurrent Resolution No. 50

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLOTTACH.

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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
28 House of Representatives, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
29 concurring therein, hereby petition the Council of State Governments to remove the State of
30 Missouri's membership from the Southern Region of the Council and place this state's
31 membership into the Midwestern Council of State Governments; and
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33 **Be It Further Resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
34 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor
35 Mike Rounds of South Dakota, President of the Council of State Governments; Senator David
36 L. Williams of Kentucky, Chair of the Council of State Governments; Colleen Cousineau,
37 Executive Director of the Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments;
38 and Michel H. McCabe, Director of the Midwestern Region of the Council of State
39 Governments.