

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1848

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the study of urban farming.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,
AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 21.801, to read as
3 follows:

4 21.801. 1. There is hereby established a joint committee of
5 the general assembly, which shall be known as the "Joint
6 Committee on Urban Farming" for the period between the second
7 regular session of the ninety-fifth general assembly and first
8 regular session of the ninety-sixth general assembly.

9 2. The joint committee shall be composed of ten members.
10 Five members shall be from the senate, with three members
11 appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and two members
12 appointed by the minority leader of the senate. Five members
13 shall be from the house of representatives, with three members
14 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two
15 members appointed by the minority leader of the house of
16 representatives. All members of the Missouri general assembly
17 not appointed in this subsection may be nonvoting, ex officio

1 members of the joint committee. A majority of the appointed
2 members of the joint committee shall constitute a quorum.

3 3. The joint committee shall meet within thirty days after
4 it becomes effective and organize by selecting a chairperson and
5 a vice chairperson, one of whom shall be a member of the senate
6 and the other a member of the house of representatives. The
7 joint committee may meet at locations other than Jefferson City
8 when the committee deems it necessary.

9 4. The committee shall prepare a final report together with
10 its recommendations for any legislative action deemed necessary
11 for submission to the speaker of the house of representatives,
12 president pro tem of the senate, and the governor by December 31,
13 2010. The report shall study and make recommendations regarding
14 the impact of urban farm cooperatives, vertical farming, and
15 sustainable living communities in this state and shall examine
16 the following:

17 (1) Trends in urban farming, including vertical farming,
18 urban farm cooperatives, and sustainable living communities;

19 (2) Existing services, resources, and capacity for such
20 urban farming;

21 (3) The impact on communities and populations affected; and

22 (4) Any needed state legislation, policies, or regulations.

23 5. The committee shall hold a minimum of one meeting at
24 three urban regions in the state of Missouri to seek public
25 input. The committee may hold such hearings, sit and act at such
26 times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence
27 as the committee considers advisable to carry out the provisions
28 of this section.

1 6. The joint committee may solicit input and information
2 necessary to fulfill its obligations from the general public, any
3 state department, state agency, political subdivision of this
4 state, or anyone else it deems advisable.

5 7. (1) The joint committee shall establish a subcommittee
6 to be known as the "Urban Farming Advisory Subcommittee" to
7 study, analyze, and provide background information,
8 recommendations, and findings in preparation of each of the
9 public hearings called by the joint committee. The subcommittee
10 may also review draft recommendations of the joint committee, if
11 requested. The subcommittee will meet as often as necessary to
12 fulfill the requirements and time frames set by the joint
13 committee.

14 (2) The subcommittee shall consist of twelve members, as
15 follows:

16 (a) Four members shall include the directors of the
17 following departments, or their designees:

18 a. Agriculture, who shall serve as chair of the
19 subcommittee;

20 b. Economic development;

21 c. Health and senior services; and

22 d. Natural resources; and

23 (b) The chair shall select eight additional members,
24 subject to approval by a majority of the joint committee, who
25 shall have experience in or represent organizations associated
26 with at least one of the following areas:

27 a. Sustainable energy;

28 b. Farm policy;

- 1 c. Urban botanical gardening;
- 2 d. Sustainable agriculture;
- 3 e. Urban farming or community gardening;
- 4 f. Vertical farming;
- 5 g. Agriculture policy or advocacy; and
- 6 h. Urban development.

7 8. Members of the committee and subcommittee shall serve
8 without compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses
9 pertaining to the duties of the committee.

10 9. The staffs of senate research, the joint committee on
11 legislative research, and house research may provide such legal,
12 research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the
13 joint committee may require in the performance of its duties.

14 10. Any actual and necessary expenses of the joint
15 committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the joint
16 committee incurred by the joint committee shall be paid by the
17 joint contingent fund.

18 11. This provisions of this section shall expire on January
19 1, 2011.