

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 54**
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

WHEREAS, revenues in Missouri continue to fall well below estimates prepared by the state, forcing the governor to cut funds already appropriated by the legislature in order to balance the budget; and

WHEREAS, at the same time revenues have declined, state government has grown over the years, producing unnecessary programs and inefficient allocations of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri General Assembly through careful planning must identify inefficient and unnecessary areas of government spending in order to ensure the state's resources are being put to a use that most benefits the citizens of this state:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby establish a Joint Interim Committee on Reducing the Size of State Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall be charged with the following:

1. Examining each department, and agency within each department, to determine programs or bureaucracies within such department that should be eliminated or reduced; and

2. Developing recommendations, strategies and plans for:

(1) Reducing the size of state government;

(2) Identifying inefficient and unnecessary uses of state funds;

(3) Addressing budget shortfalls; and

24 (4) Other areas that the Committee determines are vital to reducing the size of state
25 government; and

26 3. Reporting its recommendations to the House Budget Committee and the Senate
27 Appropriations Committee by Dec. 31, 2010; and

28 4. Such other matters as the Joint Interim Committee may deem necessary in order to
29 determine the proper course of future legislative and budgetary action regarding these issues; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall be composed of the members
32 of the current House Budget Committee and the members of the current Senate Appropriations
33 Committee and shall be co-chaired by the House Budget Committee Chair, or his or her
34 designee, and the Senate Appropriations Chair, or his or her designee. The Commissioner of
35 Administration and the State Budget Director, or their designees, shall serve as ex officio
36 members of the Committee; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Interim Committee is authorized to
39 function during the legislative interim between the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-fifth
40 General Assembly through December 31, 2010; and

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Interim Committee may solicit input and
43 information necessary to fulfill its obligations, including, but not limited to, soliciting input and
44 information from any state department or agency the Joint Interim Committee deems relevant,
45 political subdivisions of this State, and the general public; and

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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staffs of Senate Appropriations, Senate Research,
48 House Appropriations, House Research, and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research shall
49 provide such legal, research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the Joint Interim
50 Committee may require in the performance of its duties; and

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52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actual and necessary expenses of the Joint
53 Interim Committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the Joint Interim Committee incurred
54 by the Joint Interim Committee shall be paid by the Joint Contingent Fund.

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