

House Concurrent Resolution No. 78

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DETHROW.

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2 **Whereas**, the governor in his budget plan for 2011 relied on \$300 million in funds
3 from the federal government that have not been approved by Congress and may never come to
4 fruition; and

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

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

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

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16 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the members of the Missouri House
17 of Representatives, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
18 concurring therein, hereby establish a Joint Interim Committee on Reducing the Size of State
19 Government; and

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21 **Be it further resolved** that the Committee shall be charged with the
22 following:

- 23 1. Examining each department, and agency within each department, to determine
24 programs or bureaucracies within such department that should be eliminated or reduced; and
25 2. Developing recommendations, strategies and plans for:

- 26 (1) Reducing the size of state government;
27 (2) Identifying inefficient and unnecessary uses of state funds;
28 (3) Addressing budget shortfalls; and
29 (4) Other areas that the Committee determines are vital to reducing the size of state
30 government; and
31 3. Reporting its recommendations to the House Budget Committee and the Senate
32 Appropriations Committee by Dec. 31, 2010; and
33 4. Such other matters as the Joint Interim Committee may deem necessary in order to
34 determine the proper course of future legislative and budgetary action regarding these issues; and
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36 **Be it further resolved** that the Committee shall be composed of ten
37 members, three majority party members, and two minority party members of the Senate, to be
38 appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and three majority party members and two
39 minority party members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the
40 House of Representatives; and
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42 **Be it further resolved** that the Joint Interim Committee is authorized to
43 function during the legislative interim between the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-fifth
44 General Assembly through December 31, 2010; and
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46 **Be it further resolved** that the Joint Interim Committee may solicit input
47 and information necessary to fulfill its obligations, including, but not limited to, soliciting input
48 and information from any state department or agency the Joint Interim Committee deems
49 relevant, political subdivisions of this State, and the general public; and
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51 **Be it further resolved** that the staffs of Senate Appropriations, Senate
52 Research, House Appropriations, House Research, and the Joint Committee on Legislative
53 Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the
54 Joint Interim Committee may require in the performance of its duties; and
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56 **Be it further resolved** that the actual and necessary expenses of the Joint
57 Interim Committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the Joint Interim Committee incurred
58 by the Joint Interim Committee shall be paid by the Joint Contingent Fund.

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