

## HCS HJR 41 -- STATE DOWNSIZING COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Jones

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 0.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment creates a recurring commission which will examine downsizing state government with an eye toward making it more effective and efficient. The commission will have 15 members appointed for four year terms with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem of the Senate each appointing three members. The remaining membership and terms are specified in the bill.

The commission will meet once per month and must meet in each congressional district in the state two times during the four year term in office period for members of the commission.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the commission will help to provide useful cost savings suggestions for the possible consolidation of government functions and can operate in a similar manner to federal commissions that oversee military planning and spending.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Jones.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.