

HB 1461 -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH

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This bill modifies provisions of law relating to the duties and functions of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.

Currently, certain public officials receive free copies of the revised laws. This bill removes that provision and states that the committee shall distribute copies at a price determined by the committee.

Currently, the revised statutes are reprinted and published only upon the adoption of a concurrent resolution by the General Assembly. This bill requires the publication of the revised statutes every 10 years in accordance with the Missouri Constitution.

The bill specifies that the committee is required to provide the Secretary of State with a copy of any Constitutional amendments passed within 45 days.

The cost of publication may, rather than shall, be paid from General Revenue and when the committee sells copies of the revised statutes the money received from such sale shall be deposited in the Statutory Revision Fund, rather than the General Revenue Fund. The bill removes provisions providing that any unexpended balance exceeding twice the cost of providing the annual supplement to the revised statutes shall be transferred to General Revenue every two years.

Currently, the committee is required to create one chapter of law that recodifies existing provisions of law, including specified chapters and sections, concerning court costs, fees, and surcharges. This bill removes references to specified chapters and sections of law.

The committee is required, upon request, to aid in the drafting of revision bills. Beginning January 1, 2021, the committee shall also establish and maintain a public electronic database of all reports required to be submitted to the General Assembly.

The bill repeals the committee's annual report requirements of its activities and expenditures for submission to the General Assembly.

This bill is the same as HB 1027 (2019).