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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature for each of the last 17 regular sessions has adopted a concurrent resolution authorizing the creation and appointment of joint interim legislative study committees by the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives; and

WHEREAS, Renewal of the prior authorizations to the presiding officers enables the legislature to address and study issues that remain unresolved on sine die adjournment or that emerge subsequent to that time; and

WHEREAS, It is also desirable to adopt by resolution various rules and policies regarding the operation of joint committees to supplement, and reconcile differences between, the senate and house rules of procedure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby authorize the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives to create by mutual agreement such joint committees as they consider necessary during the term of this legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That each joint committee created pursuant to this resolution be composed of such combination of legislators, state officials, or citizen members as shall be determined mutually by the presiding officers of each house; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That on the request of the presiding officers, the

1 governor may appoint members to a joint committee created pursuant  
2 to this resolution; and, be it further

3           RESOLVED, That the presiding officers issue for each  
4 committee so created a joint proclamation identifying the issue or  
5 issues to be studied and listing the committee membership or  
6 describing the committee composition and that the proclamation be  
7 filed with the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the  
8 house of representatives; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the presiding officers designate jointly a  
10 chair, or designate alternatively two co-chairs, from among the  
11 committee membership; and, be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the chair or co-chairs, acting jointly and  
13 within four weeks of the proclamation, prepare and present to the  
14 presiding officers a proposal for budget and staffing; and, be it  
15 further

16           RESOLVED, That the chair or co-chairs be directed to use to  
17 the greatest extent possible the existing staff and administrative  
18 resources of committee members, standing committees, officers of  
19 the senate and house, and legislative service agencies; and, be it  
20 further

21           RESOLVED, That the presiding officers jointly review each  
22 budget and staffing proposal, adopt budgetary and staffing  
23 allocations, and determine the manner in which each joint committee  
24 is to be funded; and, be it further

25           RESOLVED, That the joint committee chair, or the co-chairs  
26 acting by mutual agreement, have authority to create and appoint  
27 subcommittees or affiliated advisory panels and to designate

1 respective chairs for each, contingent on the advance approval of  
2 the presiding officers for the creation and appointment of  
3 subcommittees or advisory panels containing membership external to  
4 the committee; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That each joint committee, and its subcommittees  
6 and advisory panels, convene at the call of its chair or co-chairs;  
7 provided that no joint committee, nor its subcommittees or advisory  
8 panels, shall convene in a public hearing or other meeting for the  
9 transaction of business unless public notice has been posted by its  
10 chair or co-chairs at the locations specified by the senate and  
11 house rules of procedure for posting of notice of standing  
12 committee meetings at least five calendar days in advance of the  
13 hearing or meeting; and, be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the preceding clause be construed, for  
15 purposes of Section 551.046, Government Code, as a joint rule of the  
16 senate and house of representatives controlling the posting of  
17 notice for joint committees, and their subcommittees and advisory  
18 panels, in lieu of required posting with the secretary of state;  
19 and, be it further

20       RESOLVED, That each joint committee have authority to issue  
21 process as provided in Sections 301.024-301.027, Government Code,  
22 provided that any motion for the issuance of process must receive  
23 the record vote of at least two-thirds of those present and voting,  
24 a quorum being present; and, be it further


25       RESOLVED, That each joint committee be entitled to accept  
26 grants and donations as provided by Sections 301.032(b) and (c),  
27 Government Code, and that, on expiration of a joint committee, any

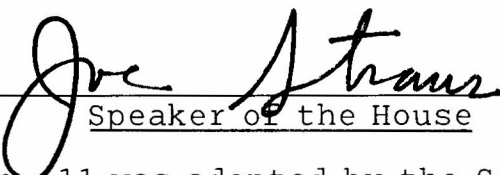
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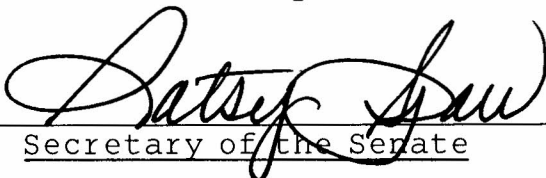
1 RESOLVED, That the final report of each joint committee be  
2 approved by a majority of the voting membership of the committee;  
3 dissenting voting members may attach statements to the final report  
4 subject to any limitations specified in the rules adopted by the  
5 committee; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That each joint committee created pursuant to this  
7 resolution expire on January 8, 2019, or an earlier date specified  
8 in the proclamation creating the committee. \_\_\_\_\_

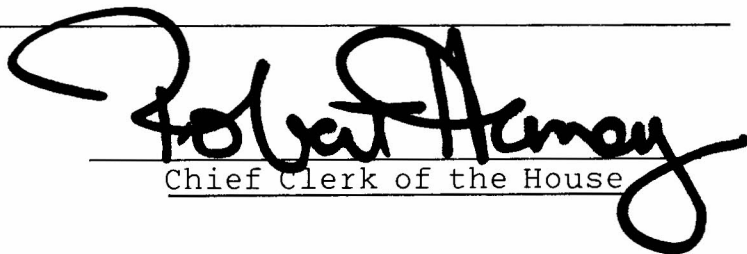
  
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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 11 was adopted by the Senate  
on April 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. \_\_\_\_\_

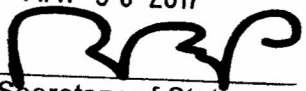
  
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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 11 was adopted by the House  
on May 28, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0,  
one present not voting. \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Chief Clerk of the House

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