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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 657

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CREATE A JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE TO
2 STUDY THE CREATION OF A WOMEN'S COMMISSION FOR THE STATE OF
3 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That a special joint
6 study committee is created to make a comprehensive study of the
7 creation of a Women's Commission for the State of Mississippi.
8 The joint committee shall be composed of five (5) members of the
9 House of Representatives, one (1) from each congressional
10 district, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, five (5)
11 members of the Senate, one (1) from each congressional district,
12 to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker Pro
13 Tempore of the House, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and
14 the Lieutenant Governor who shall serve as the chairman of the
15 joint committee.

16 Within fifteen (15) days after sine die adjournment of the
17 2000 Regular Session of the Legislature, the Speaker and the
18 Lieutenant Governor shall appoint the members of the committee.
19 After the members are appointed, the joint committee shall meet on
20 a date designated by the chairman of the joint committee at the
21 New Capitol to organize the committee, elect a vice
22 chairman/secretary of the committee and establish rules for
23 transacting its business and keeping records. A majority of the
24 members of the joint committee from each house shall constitute a
25 quorum at all committee meetings. An affirmative vote of a
26 majority of the members from each house present and voting shall

27 be required in the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, and
28 in any other actions taken by the committee. All members of the
29 joint committee shall be notified in writing of all regular and
30 special meetings of the committee, which notices shall be mailed
31 at least five (5) days before the dates of the meetings.

32 The joint committee may establish any subcommittees that it
33 deems desirable to study and report to the committee with respect
34 to any matter that is within the scope of this resolution.

35 The joint committee shall make a written report of its
36 findings and recommendations, and shall mail copies of the report
37 to each member of the Legislature not later than December 1, 2000.

38 In carrying out the provisions of this resolution, the joint
39 committee may utilize the services, facilities and personnel of
40 all departments, agencies, offices and institutions of the state,
41 including the state universities and the community and junior
42 colleges.

43 For attending meetings of the joint committee each member
44 shall be paid, from the contingent expense fund of the member's
45 respective house, per diem compensation in the amount authorized
46 by Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, and a mileage
47 allowance and an expense allowance in the amount authorized by
48 Section 5-1-47, Mississippi Code of 1972. However, no per diem
49 compensation, mileage allowance or expense allowance shall be paid
50 for attending meetings of the joint committee while the
51 Legislature is in session, and no per diem compensation, mileage
52 allowance or expense allowance shall be paid without prior
53 approval of the proper committee in the member's respective house.

54 All expenses incurred by and on behalf of the joint committee
55 shall be paid from funds made available by the House Management
56 Committee and the Senate Management Committee from the contingent
57 expense funds of the respective houses, from any funds
58 appropriated for the purpose of this resolution, and from any
59 grants or contributions made to the committee for its purpose.