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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 658

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CREATE A JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE TO
2 MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE ELECTION LAWS RELATING TO LOCAL
3 SCHOOL BOARDS AND LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That a special joint
7 study committee is created to make a comprehensive study of the
8 election laws relating to local school boards and local school
9 superintendents. The study shall focus on the feasibility of
10 uniform legislation providing for elected school boards and
11 appointed school superintendents in all school districts in
12 Mississippi. The joint committee shall be composed of the
13 Chairmen of the Education Committees of the Senate and House, who
14 shall serve as co-chairmen of the joint study committee, the
15 Chairmen of the Elections Committees of the Senate and House, and
16 five (5) members of the House of Representatives, one (1) from
17 each congressional district, to be appointed by the Speaker of the
18 House and five (5) members of the Senate, one (1) from each
19 congressional district, to be appointed by the Lieutenant
20 Governor. The vice chairman/secretary of the joint committee
21 shall be elected by the committee.

22 Within fifteen (15) days after sine die adjournment of the
23 2000 Regular Session of the Legislature, the Speaker and the
24 Lieutenant Governor shall appoint the members of the committee.
25 After the members are appointed, the joint committee shall meet on
26 a date designated by the chairmen of the joint committee at the
27 New Capitol to organize the committee and establish rules for

28 transacting its business and keeping records. A majority of the
29 members of the joint committee from each house shall constitute a
30 quorum at all committee meetings. An affirmative vote of a
31 majority of the members from each house present and voting shall
32 be required in the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, and
33 in any other actions taken by the committee. All members of the
34 joint committee shall be notified in writing of all regular and
35 special meetings of the committee, which notices shall be mailed
36 at least five (5) days before the dates of the meetings.

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

40 The joint committee shall make a written report of its
41 findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, and shall mail
42 copies of the report to each member of the Legislature not later
43 than December 1, 2000.

44 In carrying out the provisions of this resolution, the joint
45 committee may utilize the services, facilities and personnel of
46 all departments, agencies, offices and institutions of the state,
47 including the state universities and the community and junior
48 colleges.

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

60 All expenses incurred by and on behalf of the joint committee
61 shall be paid from funds made available by the House Management
62 Committee and the Senate Management Committee from the contingent
63 expense funds of the respective houses, from any funds
64 appropriated for the purpose of this resolution, and from any

65 grants or contributions made to the committee for its purpose.