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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 641

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY
2 THE INCREASED INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS AND NEEDS
3 INCURRED BY THE CITY OF JACKSON AS A RESULT OF BEING THE SEAT OF
4 STATE GOVERNMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
6 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN,

7 That:

8 (1) There is hereby created a Task Force to Study the
9 Increased Infrastructure and Public Safety Costs and Needs
10 Incurred by the City of Jackson as a result of Being the Seat of
11 State Government. The task force shall be composed of seven (7)
12 members as follows:

13 (a) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor, each
14 of whom shall represent the interest of business, law enforcement
15 and the general public;

16 (b) Three (3) members appointed by the Mayor of the
17 City of Jackson, each of whom shall represent the interest of law
18 enforcement, transportation and the general public;

19 (c) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant
20 Governor, who shall represent the interest of state government;
21 and

22 (d) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives, who shall represent the interest of the
24 Legislature.

25 (2) The task force shall develop a study and make
26 recommendations with any necessary legislation to the Legislature
27 and the Governor on the increased infrastructure and public safety
28 costs and needs incurred by the City of Jackson as a result of

29 being the Seat of State Government. The task force shall
30 specifically examine the needs and increased costs associated with
31 the Capitol Complex in downtown Jackson, the area surrounding the
32 State Fairgrounds, the area surrounding the campus of Jackson
33 State University and the area surrounding the University of
34 Mississippi Medical Center/Mississippi Memorial Stadium. The
35 report shall examine all aspects of the needs of law enforcement,
36 transportation, utilities, economic development and ad valorem tax
37 exemption, associated with the specific areas of the city
38 mentioned above. The task force shall issue its report to the
39 Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1, 2007, and
40 upon the presentation of the report the task force shall be
41 dissolved.

42 (3) All members of the task force shall be designated or
43 appointed in accordance with subsection (1) above and shall be so
44 designated or appointed in sufficient time so as to allow for all
45 members of the task force to be identified prior to the first
46 meeting of the task force.

47 (4) The first meeting of the task force shall take place no
48 later than July 1, 2007, on the call of the Governor at a place
49 designated by him. At the first meeting of the task force, the
50 members shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman from its
51 membership. Following the election of the chairman and the vice
52 chairman, the task force shall adopt rules for transacting its
53 business and keeping records. Members of the task force shall
54 serve without compensation.

55 (5) The Department of Finance and Administration shall
56 provide appropriate staff support and shall designate an
57 appropriate employee to act as a point of contact for the
58 provision of staff support to the task force. All other agencies,
59 departments, offices and institutions of the state, including all
60 state universities and community and junior colleges, shall

61 cooperate with the task force and provide such assistance as
62 requested by the task force.

63 (6) Upon presentation of its report, the task force shall be
64 dissolved.