

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, the Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management District Operations was established pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 17 during the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly; and

Whereas, Senate Concurrent Resolution 17 established the Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management District Operations to examine solid waste management district operations, including but not limited to efficiency, efficacy, and reasonableness of costs and expenses of such districts to Missouri taxpayers; and

Whereas, the Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management District Operations heard testimony from individuals, business owners, and various interested parties during September and December 2014; and

Whereas, after review and consideration of the testimony presented, the Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management District Operations has considered multiple legislative proposals relating to solid waste;

Whereas, the Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management District Operations held a public hearing on December 3, 2014 to receive comments on a draft Senate bill relating to solid waste;

Whereas, the draft Senate bill was discussed and received support from multiple stakeholders;

Whereas, the Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management District Operations dissolved on December 31, 2014, but has further hearings to conduct and additional legislative alternatives to research:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby establish the "Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management District Operations" to examine the solid waste management district operations, including but not limited to efficiency, efficacy, and reasonableness of costs and expenses of such districts to Missouri taxpayers; and

Be it further resolved that the Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management District Operations shall be composed of five members of the Senate, with no more than three members of one party, and five members of the House of Representatives, with no more than three members of one party. The Senate members of the Joint Committee shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate and the House members by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Joint Committee shall select either a chairperson or co-chairpersons, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate and one a member of the House of Representatives. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the Joint Committee may be called at such time and place as the chairperson or chairpersons designate; and

Be it further resolved that the Joint Committee may hold hearings as it deems advisable and may obtain any input or information necessary to fulfill its obligations. The Joint Committee may make reasonable requests for staff assistance from the research and appropriations staffs of the House and Senate and the Committee on Legislative Research, as well as the Department of Natural Resources and representatives of solid waste management districts; and

Be it further resolved that the Joint Committee may prepare a final report, together with its recommendations for any legislative action deemed necessary, for submission to the General Assembly by December 31, 2016, at which time the Joint Committee shall be dissolved; and

Be it further resolved that members of the Joint Committee and any staff personnel assigned to the Joint Committee shall receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Joint Committee; and

Be it further resolved that the actual expenses of the Joint Committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the Joint Committee incurred by the Joint Committee shall be paid by the Joint Contingent Fund; and

Be it further resolved that the Joint Committee is authorized to function during the legislative interim between the First Regular Session of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly and the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, and between the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly and the First Regular Session of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly through December 31, 2016, as authorized by State v. Atterbury, 300 S.W.2d 806 (Mo. 1957).