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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Peace officers employed by the State of Texas are

3	charged with protecting the public and enforcing the laws of the
4	state; and
5	WHEREAS, Many state agencies employ peace officers,
6	including the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, the
7	Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and the Parks and Wildlife
8	Department; and
9	WHEREAS, It is in the public interest that the state employ
10	the best qualified and most professional persons to serve as peace
11	officers for these agencies; and
12	WHEREAS, Compensation and benefits paid to peace officers are
13	a major factor in attracting qualified candidates to serve as peace

WHEREAS, Many local governments, including municipalities and counties, have agencies that employ peace officers, and the compensation paid to these peace officers varies widely from agency to agency; and

officers, as well as in retaining them once they have been hired;

WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature requires adequate information to establish equitable pay and benefits for persons who are employed by the state as peace officers; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas 24 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house

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- 1 of representatives to create an interim committee to conduct a
- 2 study on the compensation and benefits paid to persons employed by
- 3 the state as peace officers; and, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That the study include a comparison of the
- 5 compensation and benefits of peace officers employed by local
- 6 governments, including municipalities and counties, with those of
- 7 peace officers employed by the state; and, be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be
- 9 governed by such general rules and policies for interim committees
- 10 as the 78th Legislature may adopt and that such rules and policies
- 11 supersede the provisions of this resolution to the extent of any
- 12 conflict; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including
- 14 findings and recommendations, to the 79th Texas Legislature when it
- 15 convenes in January 2005.