

1-1 By: Geren (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.C.R. No. 63  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2011;  
1-3 April 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Administration; May 17, 2011, reported favorably by the following  
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1-6 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature for each of the last 14  
1-8 regular sessions has adopted a concurrent resolution authorizing  
1-9 the creation and appointment of joint interim legislative study  
1-10 committees by the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of  
1-11 representatives; and

1-12 WHEREAS, Renewal of the prior authorizations to the presiding  
1-13 officers enables the legislature to address and study issues that  
1-14 remain unresolved on sine die adjournment or that emerge subsequent  
1-15 to that time; and

1-16 WHEREAS, It is also desirable to adopt by resolution various  
1-17 rules and policies regarding the operation of joint committees to  
1-18 supplement, and reconcile differences between, the senate and house  
1-19 rules of procedure; now, therefore, be it

1-20 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-21 hereby authorize the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house  
1-22 of representatives to create by mutual agreement such joint  
1-23 committees as they consider necessary during the term of this  
1-24 legislature; and, be it further

1-25 RESOLVED, That each joint committee created pursuant to this  
1-26 resolution be composed of such combination of legislators, state  
1-27 officials, or citizen members as shall be determined mutually by  
1-28 the presiding officers of each house; and, be it further

1-29 RESOLVED, That on the request of the presiding officers, the  
1-30 governor may appoint members to a joint committee created pursuant  
1-31 to this resolution; and, be it further

1-32 RESOLVED, That the presiding officers issue for each  
1-33 committee so created a joint proclamation identifying the issue or  
1-34 issues to be studied and listing the committee membership or  
1-35 describing the committee composition and that the proclamation be  
1-36 filed with the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the  
1-37 house of representatives; and, be it further

1-38 RESOLVED, That the presiding officers designate jointly a  
1-39 chair, or designate alternatively two co-chairs, from among the  
1-40 committee membership; and, be it further

1-41 RESOLVED, That the chair or co-chairs, acting jointly and  
1-42 within four weeks of the proclamation, prepare and present to the  
1-43 presiding officers a proposal for budget and staffing; and, be it  
1-44 further

1-45 RESOLVED, That the chair or co-chairs be directed to use to  
1-46 the greatest extent possible the existing staff and administrative  
1-47 resources of committee members, standing committees, officers of  
1-48 the senate and house, and legislative service agencies; and, be it  
1-49 further

1-50 RESOLVED, That the presiding officers jointly review each  
1-51 budget and staffing proposal, adopt budgetary and staffing  
1-52 allocations, and determine the manner in which each joint committee  
1-53 is to be funded; and, be it further

1-54 RESOLVED, That the joint committee chair, or the co-chairs  
1-55 acting by mutual agreement, have authority to create and appoint  
1-56 subcommittees or affiliated advisory panels and to designate  
1-57 respective chairs for each, contingent on the advance approval of  
1-58 the presiding officers for the creation and appointment of  
1-59 subcommittees or advisory panels containing membership external to  
1-60 the committee; and, be it further

1-61 RESOLVED, That each joint committee, and its subcommittees  
1-62 and advisory panels, convene at the call of its chair or co-chairs;  
1-63 provided that no joint committee, nor its subcommittees or advisory  
1-64 panels, shall convene in a public hearing or other meeting for the

2-1 transaction of business unless public notice has been posted by its  
2-2 chair or co-chairs at the locations specified by the senate and  
2-3 house rules of procedure for posting of notice of standing  
2-4 committee meetings at least five calendar days in advance of the  
2-5 hearing or meeting; and, be it further

2-6       RESOLVED, That the preceding clause be construed, for  
2-7 purposes of Section 551.046, Government Code, as a joint rule of the  
2-8 senate and house of representatives controlling the posting of  
2-9 notice for joint committees, and their subcommittees and advisory  
2-10 panels, in lieu of required posting with the secretary of state;  
2-11 and, be it further

2-12       RESOLVED, That each joint committee have authority to issue  
2-13 process as provided in Sections 301.024-301.027, Government Code,  
2-14 provided that any motion for the issuance of process must receive  
2-15 the record vote of at least two-thirds of those present and voting,  
2-16 a quorum being present; and, be it further

2-17       RESOLVED, That each joint committee be entitled to accept  
2-18 grants and donations as provided by Subsections (b) and (c),  
2-19 Section 301.032, Government Code, and that, on expiration of a  
2-20 joint committee, any unexpended funds remaining from a grant or  
2-21 donation be transferred in equal proportions to the accounts of the  
2-22 senate and house of representatives unless otherwise provided by  
2-23 the grantor or donor; and, be it further

2-24       RESOLVED, That each joint committee, except as modified by or  
2-25 pursuant to this resolution, have all other powers and duties  
2-26 provided to special committees by Subchapter B, Chapter 301,  
2-27 Government Code, and the senate and house rules of procedure; and,  
2-28 be it further

2-29       RESOLVED, That the operating accounts for each joint  
2-30 committee created pursuant to this resolution and any grants and  
2-31 donations that such committee may receive be administered by the  
2-32 accounting and purchasing sections of the Texas Legislative  
2-33 Council; and, be it further

2-34       RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislative Council accounting and  
2-35 purchasing sections prepare, under the guidance of the presiding  
2-36 officers, a manual of procedures for joint committees and other  
2-37 entities created by the legislature for which funds are to be  
2-38 administered by the Texas Legislative Council establishing  
2-39 requirements as to printing needs, accounting procedures, ultimate  
2-40 disposition of records, and other administrative and financial  
2-41 matters; and, be it further

2-42       RESOLVED, That citizen members appointed by the lieutenant  
2-43 governor or speaker of the house of representatives to joint  
2-44 committees created pursuant to this resolution be reimbursed from  
2-45 funds appropriated to the Texas Legislative Council for expenses of  
2-46 transportation, meals, lodging, and incidentals for travel on  
2-47 official committee business, at rates established by the joint  
2-48 chairs of the Texas Legislative Council consistent with provisions  
2-49 of the General Appropriations Act; and, be it further

2-50       RESOLVED, That citizen members appointed by the governor to  
2-51 joint committees created pursuant to this resolution be reimbursed  
2-52 from funds appropriated to the office of the governor for expenses  
2-53 of travel on official committee business, at rates established by  
2-54 the joint chairs of the Texas Legislative Council consistent with  
2-55 provisions of the General Appropriations Act; and, be it further

2-56       RESOLVED, That citizen members appointed by the lieutenant  
2-57 governor to senate select committees and citizen members appointed  
2-58 by the speaker of the house of representatives to house committees  
2-59 expanded or created under House Rule 4, Sections 24, 57, and 58,  
2-60 when engaged in travel on official committee business, be  
2-61 reimbursed for (1) transportation expenses at the same rates as  
2-62 authorized for state employees by the General Appropriations Act,  
2-63 and (2) actual expenses for meals, lodging, and incidentals,  
2-64 subject to any maximum reimbursement limitations for meals and  
2-65 lodging set by the Senate Administration Committee for senate  
2-66 select committees and by the Committee on House Administration for  
2-67 house select committees; and, be it further

2-68       RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislative Council be authorized to  
2-69 reimburse the senate and house of representatives for expenses

3-1 incurred by members of the senate and house for transportation,  
3-2 meals, lodging, and incidentals for travel on official business of  
3-3 joint committees created pursuant to this resolution; and, be it  
3-4 further

3-5       RESOLVED, That the final report of each joint committee be  
3-6 approved by a majority of the voting membership of the committee;  
3-7 dissenting voting members may attach statements to the final report  
3-8 subject to any limitations specified in the rules adopted by the  
3-9 committee; and, be it further

3-10       RESOLVED, That each joint committee created pursuant to this  
3-11 resolution expire on January 8, 2013, or an earlier date specified  
3-12 in the proclamation creating the committee.

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