

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Relating to the reassignment of office space within the State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate office space for legislators and staff along with the lack of adequate facilities to conduct hearings, meetings, and other legislative functions at our State Capitol has been an issue of major and growing concern for many years; and

WHEREAS, legislators and their staff deserve to work in a safe, comfortable, and adequately-spaced office environment in order to provide the most efficient and effective service possible for the people of Missouri; and legislators, staff, and private citizens are entitled to conduct state business in a safe and comfortable environment when meeting in the various hearing rooms and committee rooms within our State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, expedient measures need to be implemented to provide effective short-term solutions for the problem of overcrowding at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.460, Revised Statutes of Missouri, subsection 1, states “The board of public buildings may build an office building in the City of Jefferson to house state offices which are presently located in rented quarters within the county of Cole, and they shall remove as many offices from the State Capitol building as the general assembly deems necessary to provide adequate space for its members”:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.460, RSMo, the Board of Public Buildings is advised to reassign offices and other space within the State Capitol to provide adequate space for the members and staff of the General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that rooms 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, and 129, and rooms within these rooms where only a corridor number is listed, presently occupied or under the control of the Office of Administration, shall be reassigned to the Senate Administration Committee and the House Administration and Accounts Committee, and the General Assembly further asserts the right to reserve any and all of these rooms and facilities for the exclusive use of legislators and legislative staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Administrator and the Chief Clerk of the House shall mark the rooms so assigned upon blueprints and shall submit the blueprints so marked to the Board of Public Buildings and the Office of Design and Construction, together with a properly inscribed copy of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that where the room numbers and descriptions are not clear, that the aforementioned blueprints shall control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned space will be vacated by the Office of Administration and totally delivered to the General Assembly within twenty-four hours of the passage of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Commissioner of Administration, each member of the Board of Public Buildings, the Senate Administration Committee and the House Administration and Accounts Committee.