

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 146

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A RESOLUTION to create a special committee to study reforms to Tennessee's justice system.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special committee to study Tennessee's justice system and identify possible reforms that would improve the fiscal health of the state and increase productivity and access to justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of sixteen (16) members as follows:

(1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(2) Two (2) members of the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(3) One (1) member to represent the district attorneys general, to be selected by the district attorneys general conference;

(4) One (1) member to represent the bail bondsmen, to be selected by the Tennessee association of professional bail agents;

(5) One (1) member to represent the defense attorneys, to be selected by the Tennessee defense lawyers association;

(6) One (1) member to represent the criminal court clerks, to be selected by the state court clerks' conference;

(7) One (1) member to represent the general sessions court clerks, to be selected by the state court clerks' conference;

(8) One (1) member to represent the chiefs of police, to be selected by the Tennessee association of chiefs of police;

(9) One (1) member to represent the sheriffs, to be selected by the Tennessee sheriffs' association;

(10) One (1) member to represent the general sessions judges, to be selected by the general sessions judges conference;

(11) One (1) member to represent the appellate judges, to be selected by the judicial conference;

(12) One (1) member to represent the county executives, to be selected by the Tennessee county services association;

(13) One (1) member to represent the Tennessee bureau of investigation, to be selected by the executive director of the Tennessee bureau of investigation; and

(14) One (1) member to represent the jailers, to be selected by the Tennessee sheriffs' association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that legislative and non-legislative members of the special joint committee shall serve without compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly no later than February 15, 2021, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.