SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 714

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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint study committee to study tire disposal.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that five million (5,000,000) waste tires are generated annually in Tennessee and several million waste tires are currently stockpiled or illegally dumped across the state; and

WHEREAS, improper disposal of whole tires often results in health and environmental hazards as well as marring the aesthetic beauty of this state; and

WHEREAS, each county in this state is required by law to provide to its citizens a site for the collection and temporary storage of waste tires; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that that there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the issue of waste tire disposal including, but not limited to, pre-disposal and tipping fees, and solid waste disposal surcharges; local government management of waste tires; grants to local governments; and beneficial end uses of tires.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

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 the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, at the request of the committee, the various agencies and entities of state government shall assist the committee in the performance of its duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly no later than February 1, 2011, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.