



Joint Legislative Committees

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

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The Committee on Administrative Rules was created in 1975 and is a permanent joint committee of the General Assembly as provided in Chapter 536, *Revised Statutes of Missouri*. The Committee is comprised of five members of the Senate and five members of the House. In order to provide continuity in the operation of the committee, the statute authorizing the committee provides the appointment of each member shall continue during his or her term of office as a member of the General Assembly.

The Senate members are appointed by the president pro tem of the Senate, while the representatives are appointed by the House speaker. No more than three members from each chamber may be of the same political party.

Under state law, the Committee on Administrative Rules is to continuously monitor and review both proposed and existing rules promulgated by the various executive branch departments and divisions of state government. Citizens or interested organizations who have concerns about rules issued by state agencies can contact the Committee with their concerns. In its review the Committee is authorized to hold public hearings and review rules in question. The procedures allowing the committee to rescind or modify a proposed or existing state agency rule were changed in 1993. This action was taken in order to resolve constitutional concerns about the separation of powers between the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch. Actions taken by the committee on rules and regulations of state agencies must be ratified by the full General Assembly through a concurrent resolution, which then must be signed by the governor. The goal of the Committee on Administrative Rules is to ensure state agencies do not exceed their statutory authority and that the

agencies effectively accomplish their missions as mandated by the statutes.

The members of the committee are: Representative Richard Byrd, chair; Senator Chuck Gross, vice chair. Senators Gibbons, Jacob, Steelman and Wheeler. Representatives Goodman, Johnson, Luetkemeyer and Willoughby.

Joint Committee on Capital Improvements and Leases Oversight

Telephone: (573) 751-3360

The Joint Committee on Capital Improvements and Leases Oversight is a statutory committee. The duties of the committee are set forth in Section 21.530 - 21.537, RSMo. The committee is composed of ten members of the General Assembly; five members from the Senate Appropriations Committee and five members from the House of Representatives Budget Committee.

The committee reviews all information concerning capital improvements budgets and appropriations and monitor all leases and proposed leases to determine if the projects are in compliance with the intent of the General Assembly.

Members are: Senator John Russell, co-chair; Senators Childers; Goode; Gross. Representatives Boykins; Holand; Icet, Lager, Ransdall and Wilson (42).

Joint Committee on Corrections

The Joint Committee on Corrections is a permanent, statutory committee of the General Assembly. It is composed of six members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker, and six members of the Senate, appointed by the president *pro tem*. The duties of the committee are set forth in Section 21.455, RSMo.

Members are: Senator Cauthorn; Coleman; Klindt; Quick and Vogel. Representatives Bruns; Hampton; Kelly (36); Kelly (144); Moore and Ward.

Joint Committee on Court Automation

The Joint Committee on Court Automation is a permanent, statutory committee of the General Assembly. It is composed of three members of the House of Representatives, and three members of the Senate. The duties of the committee are set forth in Chapter 476, Section 055, RSMo.

Members are: Senators Bartle; Days and Russell. Representatives Bearden; Bringer and Byrd.

Joint Committee on Economic Development, Policy and Planning

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The Joint Committee on Economic Development Policy and Planning is a statutory committee. The duties of the committee are set forth in Section 620.602, RSMo. The committee is composed of ten members of the General Assembly; five members of the senate, appointed by the president *pro tem* of the senate, and five members of the house, appointed by the speaker of the house.

The committee reviews the annual report produced by the department of economic development and plan, develop and evaluate a long-term economic development policy for the state to ensure the state's competitive status with other states.

Members are: Senator Norma Champion, chair; Senators Foster; Mathewson; Yeckel. Representatives Curls; Dempsey; Dixon; Ransdall and Wilson (130).

Committee on Legislative Research

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The Committee on Legislative Research is a permanent standing committee as provided by Section 35 of Article III of the Missouri Constitution.

The committee is composed of 20 members of the General Assembly, with 10 members appointed by the leaders of each house. No major party may have more than six members appointed as members from either house.

Committee members are: Representative Catherine Hanaway, chair; Senator Gary Nodler, vice chair. Representatives Crowell; Townley; Bearden; Jetton; Yates; Davis (122); Walton; Barnitz and Abel. Senators Bartle; Bray; Caskey; Dougherty; Gibbons; Gross; Jacob; Russell and Shields.

The committee is directed by statute to provide a variety of services for the General Assembly and its members. The committee's offices and staff are divided into two divisions, a Research Division and an Oversight Division. The committee itself is not a policy making group and formulates no legislative program. Its staff renders only such technical and profession-



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al assistance as may be requested by the General Assembly or any of its members, or as required by statute.

The Research Division provides bill drafting assistance, prepares concurrent and courtesy resolutions, operates a legislative reference library and publishes the *Revised Statutes of Missouri* and subsequent supplements, and *Session Laws of Missouri*.

One of the legislative aids furnished by the committee is its bill drafting service.

Bills are drawn at the request of any member of the General Assembly but the fact that a bill has been drafted by a member of the staff does not carry with it the endorsement of the Committee on Legislative Research. All bill requests are treated confidentially by the bill drafter and without comment or criticism of the subject matter.

The committee does not act as a censorship committee and the fact that a staff member may have assisted in drafting a bill does not affect the standing or reception of a bill so far as the committee is concerned. Assembly members may or may not choose to have bills drafted by the service and there is no requirement that a bill be submitted to the bill drafting service before being introduced.

One need of state government is a modern legislative reference library. The library maintained by the Committee on Legislative Research continuously acquires books, pamphlets, periodicals and reports and the staff works closely with the staff of the Missouri State Library and the Supreme Court Library.

Through its acquisitions, exchanges and loans with other libraries, the legislative library provides much of the material requested by members of the General Assembly for the analysis of public questions and provides a research tool for bill drafting and research services.

Courtesy resolutions continue to be of great importance to members of the General Assembly. More than 400 per month are prepared by the resolution-writers for a variety of observances.

The Oversight Division is supervised by a subcommittee of the Committee on Legislative Research. Members of the Oversight Subcommittee are: Representatives Catherine Hanaway, chair; Senator Gary Nodler, vice chair. Representatives Bearden and Abel. Senators Russell and Caskey.

The Oversight Division is responsible for preparing fiscal notes on all bills pending before the General Assembly with the exception of appropriation bills. Fiscal notes must state the cost of the proposed legislation to the state for the next two fiscal years; whether the proposal would establish a program or agency which would duplicate an existing program or agency; whether the provisions of the proposal were federally mandated; whether the proposal would have significant direct fiscal impact upon any political subdivision of the state; whether any new physical facilities would be required; and whether an impact to small businesses would be expected. The division prepares approximately 3,000 fiscal notes during a regular legislative session.

The Oversight Division is authorized to perform management and program evaluations of state agencies and is assigned work pursuant to a duly adopted concurrent resolution of the General Assembly or a resolution adopted by the Committee on Legislative Research. The division conducts the evaluations in accordance with government auditing standards set forth by the U.S. General Accounting Office. The management and program evaluations of the division provides the General Assembly with important information regarding the status of programs they have created and the expenditure of funds they have authorized.

Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement

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The Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement (JCPER) was created in 1983 and is a permanent standing committee as provided in Chapter 21, Revised Statutes of Missouri.

The committee is composed of 12 members of the General Assembly; six appointed from the House of Representatives by the speaker and six appointed from the Senate by the president pro

tem. No political party may be represented on the committee by more than three members from the Senate nor by more than three members from the House of Representatives.

Members are: Senator Chuck Gross, chair; Senators Goode; Russell; Scott and Stoll. Representatives Davis, Haywood; King; Muckler; Rupp and Smith (118).

The Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement is directed by statute to:

- 1) make a continuing study and analysis of all state and local government retirement systems;
- 2) devise a standard reporting system to obtain data on each public employee retirement system that will provide information on each system's financial and actuarial status at least biennially;
- 3) determine from its study and analysis the need for changes in statutory law; and
- 4) make any other recommendations to the General Assembly necessary to provide adequate retirement benefits to state and local government employees within the ability of taxpayers to support their future costs.

The committee is required to meet at least quarterly and may subpoena witnesses or records and may take testimony under oath in matters pertaining to public employee retirement.

Joint Committee on Terrorism, Bioterrorism and Homeland Security

The Joint Committee on Terrorism, Bioterrorism and Homeland Security is a statutory committee of the General Assembly. It is composed of seven members of the House of Representatives, and seven members of the Senate. The duties of the committee are set forth in Section 21.800, RSMo 2002.

Members are: Senator John Griesheimer, chair; Senators Caskey; Dolan; Dougherty; Gross; Kennedy and Steelman. Representatives Carnahan; Cooper; Dusenberg. Ruestman; Shoemaker; Walsh and Wildberger.

Joint Advisory Committee on Tobacco Securitization

The Joint Advisory Committee on Tobacco Securitization is a permanent, statutory committee of the General Assembly. It is composed of five members of the House of Representatives, and five members of the Senate. The duties of the committee are set forth in Section 5.597, RSMo.

Members are: Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer, chair; Senator David Klindt, vice

chair. Representatives Campbell; Engler; Jetton and Ransdall. Senators Jacob; Kinder; Mathewson and Yeckel.

Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight

The Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight is a permanent, statutory committee of the General Assembly. It is composed of seven members of the House of Representatives, and

seven members of the Senate. The duties of the committee are set forth in Section 21.795, RSMo 2002.

Members are: Senators Cauthorn; Dolan; Goode; Klindt; Quick; Russell and Vacancy (1). Representatives Black; Crawford; Green; McKenna; Munzlinger; Wasson and Young.

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Thomas Hart Benton painting mural.
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