

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

Creating an Election Law Commission to codify, amend, and revise the election and primary election laws; defining its powers and duties; and making an appropriation.

Whereas, The existing election laws are contained in numerous separate acts of Assembly, and are spread over a great number of years, some being in force since one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, and since there has never been a complete codification or revision of these laws, whereby overlapping, inconsistent, and obsolete provisions could be eliminated, confusion avoided, and the certainty of the law be established; therefore,

The Election Law Commission.

Section 1. Be it resolved, &c., That there is hereby created an official commission to be known as "The Election Law Commission." Said commission shall consist of five citizens, to be appointed by the Governor, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairman of the standing committees on elections of the Senate and House of Representatives of the session of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, ex officio.

Organization.

Secretary and stenographers.

Section 2. The commission shall, as soon as possible after the appointment of the five members by the Governor, organize by the election of a chairman. The committee shall have power to appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the commission, and may employ stenographers and fix their compensation payable from the appropriation hereinafter made. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be allowed all traveling and hotel expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

Expenses.

Duties of commission.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the said commission to study the election laws of this Commonwealth, and of other States, including laws relating to the conduct of general, municipal, and primary elections, the assessment, registration, and enrollment of voters, election returns, the use of voting machines, and, generally, all laws properly classified under the subject of election; to prepare and submit to the General Assembly of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine a complete codification and revision of the election laws; to eliminate and exclude from such codification and revision all overlapping, inconsistent, and obsolete provisions in the present laws, and to include therein such revision, change, amendment, and restatement of particular features of the present election laws as may be deemed of benefit by the commission to the practical operation of the election laws and to aid in their enforcement.

Report.

Section 4. The commission shall make a report of its proceedings and work to the General Assembly of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine. For the benefit

and information of the General Assembly and the public, the commission shall, in its said report, set forth fully and clearly all changes from the existing law which it has suggested in the legislation submitted for consideration.

Suggested changes to be set forth.

Section 5. The commission shall have power to hold such meetings and hearings at different places within the Commonwealth and other states as to it may appear necessary to accomplish the purposes for which it was created. It shall hear the evidence of all citizens appearing before it. It shall have power to issue subpoenas, under the name and seal of the chairman, to require the attendance of witnesses and their testimony and the production of books and papers relating to matters which it is authorized to consider.

Meetings and hearings.

Attendance of witnesses.

Section 6. The sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated for the payment of the compensation and expenses of the secretary and stenographers, the expenses of the members of the commission, and all other charges and expenses incurred by the commission in the performance of its duties.

Appropriation.

Section 7. The Legislative Reference Bureau shall, upon request, give such legal advice, aid, and assistance in the preparation and drafting of such codification and revision of the election laws as the commission may require.

Legislative Reference Bureau to assist.

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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

Creating a commission to study the laws relating to the healing art; defining its powers and duties; and making an appropriation.

Whereas, There is at the present time an apparent need of comprehensive legislation governing education and licensure of persons to practice in the various branches of the healing art; and

Whereas, A wide difference of opinion exists as to the nature and type of legislation which should be enacted by the General Assembly; therefore,

Section 1. Be it resolved &c., That a commission is hereby created to be known as the "Commission to Study the Laws Relating to the Healing Art." Said commission shall consist of twelve persons, ten of whom shall be appointed by the Governor. Of the persons so appointed, one shall be licensed and qualified to practice as an allopathic physician, one as a homeopathic physician, one as an eclectic physician, one as an osteopath, and one shall be a chiropractor, and one a naturopath, and four shall

Commission to study laws relating to healing art.