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JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A BI-PARTISAN PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE INFORMATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A VOTE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS ON THE HOLDING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XLII SECTION 2 OF THE RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTION AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR

WHEREAS, Under the terms of Section 2 of Article XLII of Amendments to the Constitution of Rhode Island the question "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?" must appear on the ballot at the next general election if it has not been placed before the electors during any ten (10) year period; and

WHEREAS, The said question has not been before the voters since Article XLII of Amendments was approved by the electors in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article XLII of Amendments further provides that "prior to a vote by the qualified electors on the holding of a convention the general assembly ... shall provide for a bi-partisan preparatory commission to assemble information on constitutional questions for the electors..."; be it

RESOLVED, That a Preparatory Commission shall be, and hereby is created to assemble information on constitutional questions for the electors, and be it further

RESOLVED, That such Preparatory Commission shall consist of thirteen (13) members, appointed as herein provided, to serve until the submission of their final report, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint four (4) members of the house of representatives, no more than three (3) of whom shall be of the same political party; the majority leader of the senate shall appoint three (3) senators, no more than two (2) of whom shall be of the same political party; six (6) members of the public, no one of whom shall be a member of any political committee, nor holder of any elective public office, shall be appointed as follows: two (2) by the speaker of the house of representatives, one (1) by the house minority leader, two (2) by the senate majority leader, and one (1) by the senate minority leader; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Preparatory Commission shall consider, among other issues, the following matters and provide information to the electors thereon:

Four year terms for state elected officials

Legislative pay

Elimination of obsolete constitutional language

Method of selection of general officers

Such other issues as it may see fit to consider; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Preparatory Commission shall report its findings governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the majority leader senate, the minority leaders of the house and senate, and to the public, in the news media, no later than February 15, 1984. *(Extra items April 16)*

Forthwith upon the passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at the call of the speaker of the house and organize and shall in like manner as the original appointment.

The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be allowed their travel and necessary expenses. The commission may engage such clerical, technical and other assistance as it may deem necessary, and spend such other funds as are necessary to accomplish its purpose.

All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information, documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents deemed necessary or desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

The speaker of the house is hereby authorized and requested to provide suitable quarters for said commission.

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JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY ALL MATTERS RELATING TO OPERATION AND SAFETY INSPECTION OF AMUSEMENT PARKS AND CARNIVALS

RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created consisting of thirteen (13) members: four (4) of whom shall be from the house of representatives, not more than three (3) from the same political party; be appointed by the speaker; three (3) of whom shall be from the senate not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the majority leader; six (6) of whom shall be representatives of the general public, of whom two shall be appointed by the speaker, two (2) shall be appointed by the senate majority leader, and two (2) shall be appointed by the governor; and whose purpose shall be to study all matters relating to operation and safety inspection of amusement parks and carnivals.

Forthwith upon the passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at the call of the speaker of the house and organize and shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.