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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR65243-LUz-50 (03/21)

Sponsors: Senator Rand.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED BOARDS
3 AND COMMISSIONS IN THIS STATE TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS A NEED
4 TO REDUCE THE SIZE OR SCOPE OR ABOLISH ANY OF THESE BOARDS
5 OR COMMISSIONS.

6 Whereas, in February 2002, Governor Michael F. Easley issued an executive
7 order creating the Commission to Promote Government Efficiency and Savings on State
8 Spending; and

9 Whereas, Governor Easley created the Commission in the wake of two
10 successive years of budgeting expenditures exceeding projected revenue; and

11 Whereas, the Commission was charged with the task of identifying and
12 recommending long-term efficiencies for the State; and

13 Whereas, there are more than 400 boards and commissions in this State; and

14 Whereas, the State has several boards and commissions, some with
15 significant budgets and fee-raising authority; and

16 Whereas, the State needs to determine whether these boards and commissions
17 should be abolished, consolidated, or reduced in size and scope; Now, therefore,

18 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

19 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study
20 boards and commissions. The Commission shall establish a schedule for reviewing
21 boards and commissions so that approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the total
22 number of State boards and commissions are reviewed each year for the next four years.
23 In reviewing boards and commissions, the Commission shall consider the following:

- 24 (1) The consolidation of boards and commissions, where appropriate.
- 25 (2) Reducing the number of members serving on boards and commissions.
- 26 (3) Reducing the number of meetings of boards and commissions.
- 27 (4) The scope and authority of boards and commissions.
- 28 (5) The elimination of boards and commissions, where appropriate.

1 **SECTION 2.** All State boards and commissions shall cooperate fully with
2 the Commission in its study.

3 **SECTION 3.** The Commission shall report to the General Assembly each
4 year on the boards and commissions it has reviewed and recommendations made for
5 those boards and commissions. The Commission shall make a final report of its findings
6 and recommendations to the 2007 General Assembly.

7 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.