

2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATORS APPEL, ERDEY, PEACOCK AND THOMPSON

ROADS/HIGHWAYS. Creates a task force to study the problem of trash and litter on state highways and waterways.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for the Louisiana Trash and Litter Task Force to study the problems  
3 relative to litter and trash on state highways and waterways and to recommend any  
4 action or legislation that the task force deems necessary or appropriate.

5 WHEREAS, litter and illegal dumping are pervasive problems in our state, impacting  
6 state highways, parks, waterways, open spaces, and private and public properties; and

7 WHEREAS, dumping of litter and trash not only degrades Louisiana's unparalleled  
8 natural beauty, but also negatively affects the state's environmental protection and economic  
9 development efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, it is urgent that the state take action to curb the dumping of trash and  
11 litter and make efforts to clean up its highways and waterways.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
13 create the Louisiana Trash and Litter Task Force to study the problem of litter and trash on  
14 the state's highways and waterways and to recommend any action or legislation that the task  
15 force deems necessary and appropriate.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force created herein shall consist of the  
17 following eighteen members:

- 18 (1) The chair of the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality or another member

1 of the committee designated by the chair, who shall serve as the chairperson of the task  
2 force.

3 (2) The chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources or another member of  
4 the committee designated by the chair.

5 (3) The chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C or another member of the  
6 committee designated by the chair.

7 (4) The chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and  
8 International Affairs or another member of the committee designated by the chair.

9 (5) The chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public  
10 Works or another member of the committee designated by the chair.

11 (6) The chair of the Senate Committee on Education or another member of the  
12 committee designated by the chair.

13 (7) The chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment or  
14 another member of the committee designated by the chair.

15 (8) The chair of the House Committee on the Judiciary or another member of the  
16 committee designated by the chair.

17 (9) The chair of the House Committee on Commerce or another member of the  
18 committee designated by the chair.

19 (10) The chair of the House Committee on Education or another member of the  
20 committee designated by the chair.

21 (11) The chair of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public  
22 Works or another member of the committee designated by the chair.

23 (12) The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, or his  
24 designee.

25 (13) The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or his designee.

26 (14) The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, or his designee.

27 (15) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or his  
28 designee.

29 (16) The executive director of Keep Louisiana Beautiful Inc., or his designee.

30 (17) The president of the Louisiana Restaurant Association Inc., or his designee.

1           (18) The president of the Louisiana Oil Marketers and Convenience Store  
2 Association, or his designee.

3           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting such study, the task force shall  
4 study current law, policy, and efforts in Louisiana and other states to prevent the dumping  
5 of litter and trash and to clean state highways and roads.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve  
7 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be  
8 individually entitled as members of the constituent organizations.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall  
10 constitute a quorum of the task force, and any official action taken by the task force shall  
11 require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may conduct such meetings at  
13 such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and  
14 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this  
15 Resolution.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make a report of its findings  
17 and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, to the legislature  
18 no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on March 1, 2019.

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The original instrument was prepared by McHenry Lee. The following  
digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was  
prepared by J. W. Wiley.

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DIGEST

SCR 42 Reengrossed                      2018 Regular Session                      Appel

Creates the Louisiana Trash and Litter Task Force to study the problems relative to litter and  
trash on state highways and waterways.

Provides for the task force membership and its powers and duties.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1.       Adds the chair of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and  
Public Works to the task force.
2.       Makes technical changes.