

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATORS APPEL, ERDEY, PEACOCK AND THOMPSON AND REPRESENTATIVES BILLIOT, BISHOP, TERRY BROWN, COUSSAN, DEVILLIER, GISCLAIR, GUINN, LEOPOLD, MAGEE, MCFARLAND, JIM MORRIS, WHITE AND ZERINGUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, dumping of litter and trash not only degrades Louisiana's unparalleled natural beauty, but also negatively affects the state's environmental protection and economic development efforts and is contributing to the problem of plastic pollution in Louisiana's coastal waters and the Gulf of Mexico; and

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

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

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

(1) The chair of the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality or another member of the committee designated by the chair, who shall serve as the chairperson of the task force.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(19) The chair of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board, or his designee.

(20) The dean of the College of the Coast and Environment at Louisiana State University, or his designee.

(21) The director of the Water Institute of the Gulf, or his designee.

(22) The executive director of the Louisiana Beverage Association, or his designee.

(23) The executive director of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, or his designee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES