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2020 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR HENRY

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Requests a joint study of the ability of members of the legislature to vote by video or other electronic means.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee and the House and Governmental Affairs Committee to jointly study the ability of members of the legislature to vote by video or other electronic means.

WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature of Louisiana strive to serve the citizens of the state to the fullest extent of their abilities wherever they are; and

WHEREAS, technological advancements have created a greater degree of connectivity and accessibility than at any other time in the history of the institution; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the legislature adapt to utilize the most practical resources as they become available; and

WHEREAS, extenuating circumstances such as a natural disaster or pandemic may make access to the State Capitol impractical or impossible; and

WHEREAS, the functionality of the legislature must continue in order to accomplish the essential business of the state and its constitutional requirements, regardless of certain physical limitations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee and House and Governmental Affairs Committee to meet and function as a joint committee to study the

ability of members of the legislature to vote by video or other electronic means.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall solicit the input, recommendations, and advice of the following:

(1) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

(2) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

(3) The secretary of the Senate.

(4) The clerk of the House of Representatives.

(5) The chief information officer of the office of technology services, or his designee.

(6) The secretary of state, or his designee.

(7) Any other individual with expertise deemed relevant by the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for purposes of this study the committee shall have all powers otherwise provided by law and by rule of the respective houses, individual and jointly, as well as all powers inherent in legislative committees and that the legislative members thereof shall receive the per diem and mileage provided for committees by the rules of the respective house.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a written report of its findings to the legislature prior to the 2021 Regular Session, together with any specific proposals for legislation.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

DIGEST

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