

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY SENATOR JACKSON

COMMITTEE STUDIES. Establishes a task force to study crime and crime prevention in Morehouse Parish and requires the task force to make recommendations.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To establish a task force to study crime and crime prevention in Morehouse Parish and
3 requires the task force to make recommendations.

4 WHEREAS, while Morehouse Parish is a great place to live because of its
5 affordability, low traffic, and mild winters, its increasing crime rate detracts from its
6 desirability; and

7 WHEREAS, a strategic approach to address crime and crime prevention in
8 Morehouse Parish is essential to reducing the crime rate and enhancing quality of life for
9 residents of the parish.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
11 does hereby establish the Morehouse Parish Crime and Crime Prevention Task Force to
12 study crime and crime prevention in Morehouse Parish and requires the task force to make
13 recommendations.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Morehouse Parish Crime and Crime
15 Prevention Task Force shall be chaired by the author of this Resolution and shall be
16 comprised as follows:

17 (1) Each member of the Louisiana Senate whose district includes a portion of
18 Morehouse Parish, or his designee.

1 (2) The chief law enforcement officer of each municipality located in Morehouse
2 Parish, or his designee.

3 (3) The sheriff of Morehouse Parish, or his designee.

4 (4) The city marshal of Bastrop, or her designee.

5 (5) The district attorney for Morehouse Parish, or his designee.

6 (6) The district public defender for the Fourth Judicial District, or his designee.

7 (7) The chair of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce, or her designee.

8 (8) The president of the Bastrop/Morehouse Parish branch of the National
9 Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), or his designee.

10 (9) A constituent appointment by each member of the Louisiana Senate and
11 Louisiana House of Representatives whose district includes any portion of Morehouse
12 Parish.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet at such times and
14 places as determined by its chair and it may elect a vice chair and other officers as
15 determined necessary.

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

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall receive staff support from
20 the district office of the senator representing Senate District No. 34.

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall receive public testimony and
25 comment and shall report its findings and recommendations to the president of the Louisiana
26 Senate on or before April 1, 2021.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 chief law enforcement officer in each municipality in Morehouse Parish, the sheriff of
29 Morehouse Parish, the city marshal of Bastrop, the district attorney for Morehouse Parish,
30 the district public defender for the Fourth Judicial District, the Bastrop Chamber of

1 Commerce, and the Bastrop/Morehouse Parish branch of the NAACP.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

DIGEST

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