

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY SENATOR CROWE

INTERGOVERN RELATIONS. Establishes the Louisiana Balance of Powers Study Commission.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Louisiana Balance of Powers Study Commission to study federally generated laws, regulations, policies, procedures, directives and orders placed upon the state of Louisiana by the federal government and to recommend any action or legislation that the commission deems necessary and appropriate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby creates the Louisiana Balance of Powers Study Commission to study the federally generated laws, regulations, policies, procedures, directives and orders placed upon the state of Louisiana by the federal government and to recommend any action or legislation that the commission deems necessary and appropriate to the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission created herein shall consist of the following eight members:

- (1) The president of the Senate or his designee.
- (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.
- (3) Three members of the Senate appointed by the president, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, and one of whom shall be designated by the president as co-chairperson.
- (4) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker,

1 one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, and one of whom shall
2 be designated by the speaker as co-chairperson.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting such study, the commission may
4 review any and all existing agent federal statutes, mandates or executive orders and
5 recommend nullification of any bill that is unconstitutional to the legislature.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the commission 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 commission and any official action by the commission shall
11 require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission 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 staff assigned to the Senate Committee on
17 Labor and Industrial Relations shall serve as staff for the commission.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the commission shall make a
19 written report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
20 legislation, if any, to the legislature no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the
21 2014 Regular Session.

The original instrument was prepared by Carla S. Roberts. The following
digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was
prepared by Tim Prather.

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SCR No. 113

Creates the Louisiana Balance of Powers Study Commission to study federally generated laws, regulations, policies, procedures, directives and orders placed upon the state by the federal government and to recommend any action or legislation that the commission deems necessary and appropriate.

Provides that the members of the commission shall be:

- (1) The Senate president or his designee.

- (2) The House speaker or his designee.
- (3) Three Senate members appointed by the president, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party and one of whom shall be designated co-chair.
- (4) Three House members appointed by the speaker, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party and one of whom shall be designated co-chair.

Specifies that the members of the commission serve without compensation, except for such reimbursement or per diem they are individually entitled to as members of the constituent group they represent.

Requires that the commission may make a written report of its recommendations to the legislature, with any recommendations for legislation, not later than 60 days prior to the 2014 RS.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Removes language relative to federal and state powers.