

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 101 WITH HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

WHEREAS, The celebration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. constitution will bring to the public's attention to the role of their governments and the basic principles, structures and operations which effect their lives; and

WHEREAS, Public debate will be further stimulated by Article XIV of the Illinois Constitution which requires the question of a Constitutional Convention be submitted to the electors within each twenty year period; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the State of Illinois places the direct responsibility for the provision of the Article XIV Convention upon the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The revision of the Illinois Constitution is of such a profound and serious nature affecting the rights, expectations, and obligations of all Illinois residents; and

WHEREAS, An open and responsible debate on the question of a constitutional convention and on possible changes in the foundation of our representative government requires an informed public; therefore, be it

"RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Joint Committee on Legislative Support Services convene a Committee of 50 to Re-examine the Illinois Constitution as a voluntary organization composed of the Governor, the President of the 1970 Constitutional Convention, scholars, educators, government officials from the various levels of government, legal experts and public opinion leaders to help advise the General Assembly, educators, school children and the public on constitutional issues; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee of 50 reconvene all members of the 1970 Constitutional Convention in Springfield at the historical Old State Capitol for the purpose of assessing the success of the 1970 Constitution in securing the rights of the people of Illinois and their "health, safety and welfare"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee of 50 meet as necessary over the period from the date of passage of this resolution through December 1990 and prepare public reports with recommendations and comments on: the structure and operation of government; the important role played by the General Assembly in our representative government; federal-state-local government relations; elections; taxing and spending; private rights and all other matters approved by the Committee's conveners; and be it further

RESOLVED, That periodic symposia, open forums and meetings be held by the Committee in various areas of the State for government and public opinion leaders to discuss constitutional questions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation and the Regency Universities System provide the Committee with staff, secretarial and logistical

services in the performance of its duties and deliberations;  
and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Legislative Support Services appoint a Steering Committee of 12 members from the Committee of 50 to supervise and coordinate activities of the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation and Regency Universities System in administering the functions set forth in this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee of 50 report its findings to the General Assembly, the Governor and the Supreme Court no later than January of 1990.

Senate Joint Resolution 101 (Rock-Philip) passed the Senate June 11, 1986.

House Amendment 1 (Cullerton) to Senate Joint Resolution 101 (Madigan) was adopted in the House June 27, 1986.

Senate concurred in House Amendment 1 on June 30, 1986.