

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

Relating to the reassignment of office space within the State Capitol.

Whereas, the Missouri State Capitol is the people's building; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the state of Missouri affirms the right of the people to petition their elected officials; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly have noted the continuing need for increased space in the State Capitol building for the citizens of this state, including those with physical disabilities, to exercise fully this right and meet with their elected representatives; and

Whereas, currently, a sizeable number of legislative offices are located in physical spaces that cannot be accessed by those citizens with physical disabilities; and

Whereas, statewide officers and other entities currently occupy physical space in the State Capitol building for job duties that could be performed in other state-owned buildings; and

Whereas, in order to insure accessibility to the State Capitol building for all citizens of this state and accommodate the needs of the public, it is necessary to reallocate, for use by the General Assembly, physical space currently utilized by certain statewide elected officers and other entities listed in this resolution; and

Whereas, section 8.010, RSMo, establishes the Board of Public Buildings and grants it general supervision and charge of the public property of the state at the seat of government; and

Whereas, subsection 1 of section 8.460, RSMo, states "The board of public buildings may build an office building in the City of Jefferson to house state offices which are presently located in rented quarters within the county of Cole, and they shall remove as many offices from the State Capitol building as the General Assembly deems necessary to provide adequate space for its members":

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that pursuant to the provisions of section 8.460, RSMo, the Board of Public Buildings is instructed to reassign offices and other space within the State Capitol to the General Assembly in order to provide suitable and adequate space for members and staff of the General Assembly and accommodate participation in the legislative process by Missouri's citizens; and

Be It Further Resolved that the offices and other space presently occupied or under the control of the following entities shall be reassigned to the Senate Administration Committee and the House Administration and Accounts Committee:

1. All statewide elected officials, except the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor;
2. The Office of Administration; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Public Buildings shall ensure that these statewide elected officials and the Office of Administration shall be assigned at least the same amount of square footage of office space in another state-owned building in close proximity to the Capitol; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Board of Public Buildings and the Commissioner of Administration.