SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 919

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri and its political subdivisions is faced with recruitment and retention of highly trained and motivated police officers; and

WHEREAS, Missouri benefits from its political subdivisions having the highest quality police force possible:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Second General Assembly, First Regular Session, hereby establish the "Interim Committee on Police Officer Residency"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall be composed of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and no more than three members of such committee shall be from the same political party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall conduct a comprehensive analysis of the rules and policies concerning police officer residency requirements currently in place in political subdivisions within the State of Missouri, discover methods to attract new police officers, and retain existing officers, in order to uncover potential barriers in the recruitment and retention of exceptional police officers to best serve and protect the welfare of the citizens of the State of Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be authorized to hold hearings as it deems advisable, and may solicit any input or information necessary to fulfill its obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staffs of Senate Research, and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the Committee may require in the performance of its duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee, its members, and any staff personnel assigned to the Committee shall receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Committee or any subcommittee thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee report its recommendations and findings to the Missouri Senate by January 1, 2004.