

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 WHEREAS, the Interim Committee on Local Governance of the
2 Missouri House of Representatives (the Committee) submitted a
3 report to the Speaker of the House dated December 31, 2012; and

4 WHEREAS, this report contained a synopsis of the issues
5 presented to the Committee, as well as its recommendations; and

6 WHEREAS, the Committee reported on the governance and
7 taxation issues in the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area
8 (MSA); and

9 WHEREAS, the report details the changes in the laws that
10 make the St. Louis area unique:

11 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the
12 Missouri House Ninety-Seventh General Assembly, First Regular
13 Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby establish the
14 Joint Interim Committee on St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical
15 Area Governance and Taxation (Joint Committee); and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee shall be
17 composed of three majority party members to be appointed by the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives, two minority party
19 members to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
20 Representatives, three majority party members to be appointed by
21 the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and two minority party
22 members to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee shall
24 interview and select an appropriate entity to conduct the

1 independent study called for in the report and make
2 recommendations to secure the appropriate commitments to fund the
3 independent study at no direct cost to the state; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee shall
5 receive the independent study and, upon receipt, review the study
6 as well as conduct a comprehensive analysis of the taxation and
7 governance issues facing the St. Louis MSA, and make
8 recommendations on proposed legislation for the 2014 legislative
9 session; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this Joint Committee is not
11 in receipt of an independent study by September 1, 2013, it shall
12 proceed on its own and perform its own investigation and analysis
13 of the circumstances so that this Joint Committee shall be able
14 to make its recommendation for proposed legislative changes no
15 later than December 31, 2013; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee is
17 authorized to hold public hearings as it deems advisable and may
18 solicit, and shall accept, any input or information necessary to
19 fulfill its obligations, including but not limited to any agency
20 of the state or any political subdivision of the state which the
21 committee may find helpful; and

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

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee, its
28 members, and any staff assigned to the Joint Committee shall

1 receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses
2 incurred in attending meetings of the Joint Committee or any
3 subcommittee thereof; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee will report
5 its recommendations and findings to the Missouri General Assembly
6 by December 21, 2013; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee is
8 authorized to function during the interim between the First
9 Regular Session of the 97th General Assembly through the end of
10 the Second Regular Session of the 97th General Assembly; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Missouri House
12 of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed
13 copies of this resolution for the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives and the President Pro Tem of the Senate.