

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 1028

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the sole purpose of establishing gold and silver as legal tender in payment of debts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 21.945, to read as
3 follows:

21.945. 1. There is established a permanent joint
2 committee of the general assembly to be known as the "Joint
3 Committee on Legal Tender" which shall be composed of five
4 members of the senate, no more than three of which shall be
5 from the majority party, and five members of the house of
6 representatives, no more than three of which shall be from
7 the majority party. A majority of the members of the
8 committee shall constitute a quorum. The members shall
9 annually select one of the members to be the chair and one
10 of the members to be the vice chair. The speaker of the
11 house of representatives and the president pro tempore of
12 the senate shall appoint the respective majority members.
13 The minority leader of the house of representatives and the
14 minority leader of the senate shall appoint the respective
15 minority members. The members shall receive no additional
16 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and
17 necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of
18 their duties. The committee is authorized to meet and act

19 year round and to employ the necessary personnel within the
20 limits of appropriations. The staff of the committee on
21 legislative research, house research, and senate research
22 shall provide necessary clerical, research, fiscal, and
23 legal services to the committee, as the committee may
24 request.

25 2. It shall be the duty of the committee to:

26 (1) Examine the possibility of issuing gold and silver
27 coinage and specie in a manner consistent with Article I,
28 Section 10, of the United States Constitution; and

29 (2) Examine the possibility of keeping a certain
30 amount of gold and silver coinage and specie in the custody
31 of the state at all times.

32 3. The committee may compile a full report of its
33 activities for submission to the general assembly, which
34 shall include any recommendations which the committee may
35 have for legislative action. Copies of the report
36 containing such recommendations shall be sent to the
37 appropriate directors of state departments and agencies
38 included in the report.

39 4. All state departments, commissions, and offices
40 shall cooperate with and assist the committee in the
41 performance of its duties and shall make available all
42 books, records, and information requested.

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