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89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 16, RSMo, by adding thereto four new sections relating to interstate cooperation.

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

Section A. Chapter 16, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto four new sections, to be known as sections 16.010, 16.020, 16.050 and 16.060, to read as follows:

16.010. There is established a standing committee of this state officially known as the "House Committee on Interstate Cooperation" consisting of five representatives. The members and the chairman of this committee shall be designated in the same manner as is customary in the case of the members and chairmen of standing committees of the house of representatives. In addition to the regular members, the speaker of the house is ex officio a member of this committee.

16.020. There is established a similar standing committee of the senate of this state officially known as the "Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation" consisting of five members of the senate. The members and the chairman of this committee shall be designated in the same manner as is customary in the case of the members and chairmen of standing committees of the senate. In addition to the regular members, the president pro tem of the senate is ex officio a member of this committee.

16.050. The standing committee of the house and the standing committee of the senate shall function during the regular sessions of the legislature and also during the interim periods between sessions; their members serve until their successors are designated; and they respectively constitute for this state the house council and senate council of the American Legislators' Association. The incumbency of each administrative member of the commission extends until the first day of February next following his or her appointment, and thereafter until his or her successor is appointed.

16.060. It is the function of the standing committees of the senate and the house:

(1) To carry forward the participation of this state as a member of the Council of State Governments and a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures;

(2) To encourage and assist the legislative, executive, administrative and judicial officials and employees of this state to develop and maintain friendly contact by correspondence, by conference, and otherwise, with officials and employees of the other states, of the federal government, and of local units of government;

(3) To endeavor to advance cooperation between this state and other units of government whenever it seems advisable to do so by formulating proposals for, and by facilitating:

(a) The adoption of compacts;

(b) The enactment of uniform or reciprocal statutes, and to that end, to encourage and support participation by this state in the work of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws;

(c) The informal cooperation of government offices with one another;

(d) The personal cooperation of governmental officials and employees with one another, individually;

(e) The interchange and clearance of research and information; and

(f) Any other suitable process;

(4) In short, to do all such acts as will, in the opinion of these committees, enable this state to do its part, or more than its part, in forming a more perfect union among the various governments in the United States and in developing the Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures for that purpose.

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