

ENROLLED HOUSE  
JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1060

BY: STEIDLEY, MAXEY and  
VAUGHN (Ray) of the  
HOUSE

and

SMITH of the SENATE

A JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING THE LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO STUDY THE STATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS AND FILLING OF VACANCIES; SPECIFYING A QUORUM; AUTHORIZING DESIGNEES; PROVIDING FOR SELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN; PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF THE INITIAL MEETING; PROVIDING FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR STAFF ASSISTANCE; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF CONSULTANTS OR CONSULTING FIRMS; REQUIRING A REPORT BY A CERTAIN DATE; DIRECTING DISTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, many complex issues concerning the state judicial system have come to the attention of the Oklahoma Legislature; and  
WHEREAS, an in-depth study of the state judicial system is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 43RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created, to continue until January 1, 1994, the Legislative Advisory Committee for the State Judicial System. The Committee shall conduct a comprehensive study of all aspects of the state judicial system, including but not limited to the courts, district attorneys, court clerks, and indigent defense. The Committee shall be composed as follows:

1. Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
2. Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
3. Two district court judges, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
4. One associate district judge from a county with a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000), appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
5. Two appellate judges, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
6. Two court clerks, one of whom shall be from an urban county with a population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000) and one of whom shall be from a rural county with a population of less than two hundred thousand (200,000), appointed by the Court Clerks Association;
7. Two attorneys licensed to practice law in this state, appointed by the President of the Oklahoma Bar Association; and
8. Two district attorneys, appointed by the District Attorneys Council.

Vacancies on the Task Force shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

SECTION 2. A majority of the Committee members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for conducting business, but no vacancy on the Committee shall impair the right of the remaining members to transact the business of the Committee. Each member of the Committee shall be authorized to serve by and through a person designated by the member in writing for that purpose. The members shall select a chairman and a vice-chairman from the membership of the Committee; provided, not more than one legislative member and not more than one judicial member shall serve in such capacity. The initial meeting of the Committee shall be called by the Administrative Director of the Courts.

SECTION 3. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for serving on the Committee, other than reimbursement for actual and necessary travel expenses as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Committee shall receive reimbursement from the House in which they serve as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, except when the Legislature is in session and the meeting is held in Oklahoma City; and

2. Nonlegislative Committee members employed by the state or a county shall be reimbursed by their respective employing agency pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

SECTION 4. Funding for the Committee shall be provided through the Legislative Service Bureau. The Legislative Service Bureau shall provide staff assistance to the Committee. The Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives may provide additional staff assistance to the Committee. At the direction of the Joint Committee on Fiscal Operations, the Legislative Service Bureau may contract for the services of appropriate consultants or consulting firms to assist the Committee in the performance of its duties and responsibilities. The Joint Committee on Fiscal Operations shall select consultants on the basis of a request for proposal which shall be developed by the Joint Committee on Fiscal Operations with the advice of the Committee.

SECTION 5. The Committee shall submit a report of its findings to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by January 1, 1994.

SECTION 6. Copies of this resolution shall be dispatched to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor, the Administrative Director of the Courts, the Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council, and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

SECTION 7. This act shall become effective September 1, 1992.  
Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of May, 1992.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of May, 1992.

President of the Senate