

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 225

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SENATE. Establishes the Louisiana Countermand Resolution Study Task Force.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for the Louisiana Countermand Resolution Study Task Force to study  
3 the practicality and the possibility of enacting a Countermand Amendment to the  
4 Constitution of the United States of America.

5 WHEREAS, a Countermand Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of  
6 America would allow the states to rescind any unfunded and unconstitutional mandates on  
7 the states enacted by congressional statute, judicial decision, executive order, treaty,  
8 government agency's regulatory ruling, or any other government or nongovernment mandate  
9 (including excessive spending and credit) imposed on the states when, in the opinion of sixty  
10 percent of state legislatures, the law or ruling adversely affects their states' interest; and

11 WHEREAS, the authority of Congress, under Article V of the Constitution of the  
12 United States of America, requires it to convene a convention as called for if the state  
13 legislatures desire an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; and

14 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana believes that it would be  
15 helpful to the people of Louisiana to study whether or not electing delegates to a  
16 Countermand Convention to the Constitution of the United States of America would be in  
17 the best interest of the state of Louisiana.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

1 hereby creates the Louisiana Countermand Resolution Study Task Force to study the  
2 practicality and the possibility of enacting a Countermand Amendment to the Constitution  
3 of the United States of America and to recommend any action or legislation that the task  
4 force deems necessary and appropriate to the legislature.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force created herein shall consist of the  
6 following eight members:

7 (1) The president of the Senate or his designee.

8 (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

9 (3) Three members of the Senate appointed by the president, one of whom shall  
10 be a member of the minority party, and one of whom shall be designated by  
11 the president as co-chairperson.

12 (4) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker,  
13 one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, and one of whom shall  
14 be designated by the speaker as co-chairperson.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting such study, the task force may  
16 review any and all existing agent federal statutes, mandates or executive orders and  
17 recommend nullification of any bill that is unconstitutional to the legislature.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve  
19 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be  
20 individually entitled as members of the constituent organizations.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall  
22 constitute a quorum of the task force and any official action by the task force shall require  
23 an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may conduct such meetings at  
25 such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and  
26 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this  
27 Resolution.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff assigned to the Senate Committee on  
29 Labor and Industrial Relations shall serve as staff for the task force.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make a written report of its

