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ANIMALS: Requests a study of the disposition of dogs used in dogfighting

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for a subcommittee of the House Committee on Administration of  
3 Justice to study the disposition of dogs used in dogfighting and receive information  
4 from the Best Friends Animal Society, the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the  
5 Louisiana Municipal Association, the Animal Humane Society, and any other  
6 interested stakeholders and report its findings to the House Committee on  
7 Administration of Justice no later than February 1, 2022.

8        WHEREAS, dogs have been domesticated by humans throughout all of history; and

9           WHEREAS, dogfighting has been a popular event in the United States since the  
10   nineteenth century; and

11 WHEREAS, dogfighting is illegal in all fifty states; and

WHEREAS, multiple high-profile dogfighting seizures have occurred as a result of investigations in the United States, including the investigations of dogfighting at the Bad Newz Kennels and the Missouri Five Hundred; and

15 WHEREAS, House Rule 14.51 pertinently states the following: "Each standing  
16 committee each joint committee and any subcommittee of such standing or joint committee  
17 is hereby specifically and expressly granted the power and authority to hold hearings,  
18 subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of books and records, and to  
19 do all other things necessary to accomplish the purposes of the study or investigation  
20 assigned to it by the House or by the legislature or by a majority of the members of the  
21 committee".

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
2   Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a subcommittee of the House Committee on  
3   Administration of Criminal Justice to receive information from Best Friends Animal Society,  
4   the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana Municipal Association, the Animal  
5   Humane Society, and any other interested stakeholders to study the disposition of dogs used  
6   in dogfighting and propose recommendations for the placement of these dogs with new  
7   owners.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on  
9   Administration of Criminal Justice shall appoint the members of the subcommittee and  
10  designate the chairman and vice chairman of the subcommittee.

11          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall make a report of its  
12  findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the House Committee on  
13  Administration of Criminal Justice no later than February 1, 2022.

14          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any  
15  report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter  
16  Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

17          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall be dissolved upon  
18  adjournment of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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#### DIGEST

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