# Special Study Committee of the House on Legislative Sessions and Special Study Committee of the Senate on Legislative Sessions

Minutes of Meeting 2022-2023 Interim October 13, 2022

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Senator Patrick McMath, co-chairman of the joint Special Study Committees of the House and Senate on Legislative Sessions, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

None

### II. ROLL CALL

### **HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

#### **HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr., co-chairman

Representative Les Farnum

Representative Laurie Schlegel

Representative Francis C. Thompson

Representative Malinda B. White

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

# SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Senator Patrick McMath, co-chairman

Senator Franklin J. Foil

Senator Patrick Page Cortez, president Senator J. Cameron Henry, Jr. Senator Mack A. "Bodi" White, Jr. Senator Glen Womack

# **HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst Annie Smith, attorney Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant

### SENATE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matthew R. DeVille, attorney Laur'en M. Cimino, secretary

# ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, House sergeant at arms Theresa Charles, Senate sergeant at arms Fate Mitchell, Jr., Senate sergeant at arms

#### III. BUSINESS

# Scope of special study committees' purpose (House Resolution No. 232 of the 2022 Regular Session and Senate Resolution No. 222 of the 2022 Regular Session)

Senator McMath outlined the scope of the special study committees relative to House Resolution No. 232 of the 2022 Regular Session and Senate Resolution No. 222 of the 2022 Regular Session.

# <u>Provisions regarding timing, duration, and subject matter limitations, if any, of legislative sessions in other states</u>

The study committees discussed timing, duration, subject matter limitations, and limitations on legislative instruments for legislative sessions.

The following handouts were distributed. They are included in the committee records and labeled as follows:

- Exhibit A, Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, Inc. (PAR) analysis, "Improving the Louisiana Legislature", dated November 1965
- Exhibit B, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), "Legislative Sessions with Limited Scope"
- Exhibit C, "Proposed Constitutional Amendments to the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 Article III: Legislative Branch regarding timing or duration of sessions"
- Exhibit D, "50 State Survey: Timing and Duration of Legislative Sessions"

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 2 for information only. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

# Proposed meeting schedule

Senator McMath stated that the next meeting was scheduled on November 10, 2022.

# IV. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

There were no other matters.

# V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

# VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kyle M. Green, Jr.

Special Study Committee of the House on Legislative Sessions

Date adopted: January 10, 2023