

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1161

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SOMMER (Sponsor) AND ENGLISH (Co-sponsor).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the joint committee on the tenth amendment.

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

Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 21.960, to read as follows:

**21.960. 1. There is hereby established the "Joint Committee on the Tenth  
2 Amendment", which shall:**

3 **(1) Identify proposed federal legislation that infringes on Missouri's state  
4 sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution;**

5 **(2) Advise and make recommendations to the general assembly regarding any state  
6 legislation necessary to preserve the integrity and principles of the Tenth Amendment to  
7 the United States Constitution; and**

8 **(3) Refer cases to the attorney general when the federal government takes steps that  
9 require the state or a state officer to enact or enforce a provision of federal law that lies  
10 outside Congress's enumerated powers and intrudes on the sovereignty reserved to the  
11 states by the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The attorney general  
12 is authorized to seek appropriate relief to preserve the state's sovereignty.**

13 **2. The joint committee shall be comprised of six members of the senate and six  
14 members of the house of representatives. The senate members shall be appointed by the  
15 president pro tempore of the senate and the house members shall be appointed by the  
16 speaker of the house of representatives. The appointment of members shall continue  
17 during their term in office as members of the general assembly or until a successor has**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 been duly appointed to fill their place when their term of office as members of the general  
19 assembly has expired.

20           3. The joint committee shall hold an annual meeting at which it shall elect from its  
21 membership a chairperson and vice chairperson. The joint committee may hold such  
22 additional meetings as may be required in the performance of its duties.

23           4. The general assembly shall provide administrative support and staff as necessary  
24 for the effective operation of the joint committee from existing resources. Any expenditure  
25 of the joint committee shall be subject to appropriation.

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