

HB 1161 -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE TENTH AMENDMENT

SPONSOR: Sommer

This bill establishes the Joint Committee on the Tenth Amendment. The committee must:

- (1) Identify proposed federal legislation that infringes on Missouri's state sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution;
- (2) Advise and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding any state legislation necessary to preserve the integrity and principles of the Tenth Amendment;
- (3) Refer cases to the Attorney General when the federal government takes steps that require the state or a state officer to enact or enforce a provision of federal law that lies outside Congress's enumerated powers and intrudes on the sovereignty reserved to the states by the Tenth Amendment;
- (4) Be comprised of six members of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives. The Senate members must be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the House members must be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The appointment of members must continue during their term in office as members of the General Assembly or until a successor has been duly appointed to fill his or her place when their term of office as members of the General Assembly has expired; and
- (5) Hold an annual meeting at which it must elect from its membership a chairperson and vice chairperson.

The General Assembly must provide administrative support and staff as necessary for the effective operation of the committee from existing resources. Any expenditure of the committee must be subject to appropriation.