

CHAPTER 401

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the house and senate of the forty-third general assembly for the purpose of proposing legislation calculated to raise the state revenue by means other than by a millage property tax, and to report to this or the next regular or special session of the general assembly of the state of Iowa, and providing an appropriation therefor.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that our present system of millage taxation in Iowa is unsuited to the present needs, is out of harmony with present conditions, and is old and inequitable, and unless changes be made and new ways and means of taxation be employed, increasingly unjust burdens will be imposed on that class of our people who own farms and dwellings, and tangible physical property, therefore

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 "SECTION 1. That a special tax committee of members of the house
2 of representatives and the senate of the forty-third general assembly,
3 consisting of six (6) members, be appointed, three (3) of whom shall
4 be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives from the
5 members, and three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the lieutenant
6 governor, president of the senate, from the members, whose duty it
7 shall be separately or in conjunction with the state board of assess-
8 ment and review to collect information and formulate proposed legis-
9 lation which will provide the state revenue without direct property
10 tax, and in conjunction with the said state board of assessment and
11 review make a written report and recommendations for said proposed
12 legislation, said report to be made as soon as possible to an extra ses-
13 sion of the 43rd general assembly to be called by the governor, or to
14 the regular session of the 44th general assembly; that such committee
15 be given authority to employ stenographic and clerical help, call as
16 witnesses the heads of departments of the state and others, and confer
17 with tax specialists; and is directed to make its first report to the
18 governor on or before December 1st, 1929.

1 SEC. 2. The members of said special tax committee shall be paid
2 their actual necessary expenses incurred while engaged in their duties
3 as members of said committee, and there is hereby appropriated out
4 of any funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the
5 sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary to pay the expenses of the committee in making said in-
7 vestigation and preparing said report to carry out the provisions of
8 this resolution."

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