

States to pass an act providing that in connection with the Congressional elections of 1930, there be submitted to the qualified electors of the several states the question of modifying the Volstead Act to legalize the manufacture and sale of 2.75 per cent beer, for the guidance of the members of Congress to be elected at the same time, and providing further that said question must be included on the same ballot used for the election of such members of Congress and that any election of such members at which such question shall not have been submitted to the electors shall be invalid. Be it further

Resolved, That duly attested copies of this resolution be sent to both houses of the Congress of the United States and to each Wisconsin member thereof.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to an interim committee on courts.

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article 7 of the constitution confers upon the legislature power to establish municipal courts and inferior courts with limited civil and criminal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Under the authority of this section, this and preceding legislatures have by special acts established forty municipal, civil, superior and district courts and have also by special acts conferred civil and criminal jurisdiction upon many probate courts, which under section 14 of Article 7 exist in all counties of the state; and

WHEREAS, There is a complete lack of uniformity in the laws relating to the organization of the municipal and other inferior courts and also in the statutes conferring additional jurisdiction upon the probate courts; and

WHEREAS, These several laws are to be found only in the session laws, having never been given a place in the statutes, and for this reason are often not well known even to the attorneys of the districts within which these courts operate, not to speak of attorneys from other places who have business in these courts; and

WHEREAS, From every point of view it is desirable that there should be greater uniformity in the organization, jurisdiction and procedure of the several courts below the circuit and supreme courts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That a joint interim committee on courts is hereby constituted to be composed of three assemblymen and two senators, to be appointed as are standing committees in the respective houses. The members of the said committee shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary expenses, but shall receive no other compensation for their services.

The said committee shall study the several acts creating municipal, civil, superior and district courts and also the acts conferring civil and criminal jurisdiction upon county courts. The purpose of such study shall be the preparation of a bill or bills to be presented to the 1931 legislature, to secure greater uniformity in the organization and jurisdiction of the several courts below the circuit and supreme courts. Be it further

Resolved, That said committee is authorized to hold such meetings at such places and at such dates as it may deem expedient; and that it shall have power to employ such assistants as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its duties and fix their compensation. Be it further

Resolved, That the said committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature of 1931 at the opening of its regular session, together with drafts of a bill or bills to carry out the recommendations made.