

Resolved, That the findings and recommendations of said committee shall be presented to the governor not later than December 1, 1930 and shall be transmitted by the governor to the legislature of 1931 at the opening of its session.

[Jt. Res. No. 105, A.]

[Deposited Aug. 30, 1929.]

No. 82, 1929.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to an interim committee on fire insurance.

WHEREAS, This state in 1917 passed an act requiring that licensed fire insurance companies shall participate in and financially support a rating bureau, and only one rating bureau has been established by these fire insurance companies; and

WHEREAS, For twelve years there has been no substantial revision of the fire insurance laws in the light of present-time experience and developments; and

WHEREAS, Fire insurance affects practically every citizen of the state of Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That an interim joint committee, to consist of two senators and three assemblymen, to be appointed as are standing committees, is hereby created to investigate the conditions relative to fire insurance in this state, and particularly to study and make recommendation upon the following matters relating thereto:

1. The operation and practices under the present law of the Wisconsin inspection bureau, its auxiliaries and divisions as it affects the great mass of insurers in this state;

2. The advisability of having the state represented for the purpose of protecting the interest of the people;

3. Definition of the term "reasonable rate" as used in the insurance laws, and how this "reasonable rate" shall be determined;

4. The advisability of permitting the state, city, village, town or county to be heard at a public hearing before any important changes in rules, regulations or increased rates, promulgated or established by the bureau, shall become effective.

5. To consider and recommend a proper classification of fire hazards. 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 any member of said committee shall have power to administer oaths to persons appearing before it.

The said committee shall have power to employ such assistants as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its duties and fix the compensation of such employes.

The said committee may by subpoena, issued over the signature of its chairman or acting chairman and served in the manner in which circuit court subpoenas are served, summon and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of all books, papers, documents and records necessary or convenient to be examined or used by them in the course of the discharge of their duties.

If any witness subpoenaed to appear before said committee shall refuse to appear to answer inquiries propounded, or shall fail or refuse to produce books, documents, papers and records within his possession or control when the same are demanded by said committee, the committee shall report the facts to the circuit court to compel obedience to such subpoena by attachment proceedings for contempt as in case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court, or a refusal to testify therein. Be it further

Resolved, That said committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature of 1931 at the opening of its regular session.

[Jt. Res. No. 110, A.]

[Deposited Sept. 3, 1929.]

No. 83, 1929.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to committees of the assembly and the senate upon the revision of the rules of the two houses and the joint rules.

WHEREAS, There has been no thoroughgoing revision of the rules of the two houses of the legislature or the joint rules since 1907; now, therefore, be it