

**CHAPTER 186**

**(HCR 54)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing a study of limiting bill requests or introductions.

WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly's regular sessions are limited to sixty legislative days every two years; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to conserve legislative time for substantive policy proposals; and

WHEREAS, at least twenty-one state legislative chambers currently impose limits on members' bill requests or bill introductions; and

WHEREAS, respondents to a National Conference of State Legislatures' survey indicated that introduction limits have generally been successful in reducing the number of bills entering the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, it appears that a bill request or bill introduction deadline might streamline the legislative process and reduce staff, bill processing, and paper costs;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

Section 1. The Interim Joint Committee on State Government shall conduct a study of the feasibility and advisability of establishing a limit on the number of bills members of the General Assembly may request or may introduce in a legislative session. The study shall include examination of the experiences of other states with bill request or bill introduction limits. The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission prior to the 2001 Organizational Session of the General Assembly.

Section 2. Provisions of this resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to designate a study completion date.

**Approved March 28, 2000**

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