

46-1206. Legislative studies; initiation by resolution or by council; statutory committee authorization retained; inherent powers recognized. (a) Legislative studies shall be initiated in one of the ways specified in this section.

(b) The inherent power of the house of representatives or the senate to cause a legislative study to be made without the approval of the other house is recognized. Further, the inherent power of the two houses of the legislature to cause a legislative study to be made without the limitations prescribed in this act is also recognized.

(c) Concurrent resolutions of the legislature may direct the legislative coordinating council to provide for legislative studies to be made by special committees or standing committees. Any such resolution shall specify the subject to be studied and the time that report is to be made thereon, but shall not specify the composition of the special committee nor other incidents related to procedure for the study.

(d) The legislative budget committee, the legislative post-audit committee, the interstate cooperation commission and any other committee specifically authorized by statute to make a legislative study may initiate studies within the subject field of the committee within limitations prescribed by the authorizing statute.

(e) The legislative coordinating council may initiate legislative studies proposed by one or more of its members, and when so initiated shall refer each study to an appropriate special committee or standing committee.

(f) The legislative coordinating council shall refer each study initiated under subsection (c) of this section to an appropriate special committee or standing committee.

(g) Any one or more legislators, any legislative committee or the governor may request the legislative coordinating council to cause a legislative study to be made. If such council approves any such request, either in whole or in part, it shall refer the study to an appropriate special committee or standing committee.

History: L. 1971, ch. 184, § 6; L. 1975, ch. 271, §6; Feb. 3.