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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, With the State's current dire financial situation, the reduction of State expenses must be implemented wherever possible; and

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WHEREAS, Suggestions have been made that reductions could be made by reducing expenses of State boards and commissions and the compensation paid to the members of those entities; and

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WHEREAS, The General Assembly should conduct a thorough analysis of expenses incurred by State boards and commissions, including expenses resulting from compensation paid to members of those entities, to determine where a reduction or elimination of expenses may be made; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created a bipartisan Boards and Commissions Advisory Panel for the purpose of conducting an exhaustive analysis of all statutorily created advisory panels, authorities, boards, commissions, committees, councils, and task forces to determine where cost savings may be made; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Boards and Commissions Advisory Panel

1 shall, at a minimum, review the activity status of all
2 statutorily created advisory panels, authorities, boards,
3 commissions, committees, councils, and task forces to
4 determine if all vacancies on these entities have been filled,
5 if these entities are meeting, and how members of these
6 entities are compensated and to calculate the various expenses
7 of these entities; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Advisory Panel shall report its findings
9 and recommendations for reductions to the General Assembly by
10 filing a report with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk
11 of the House of Representatives before June 30, 2012; and be it
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13 RESOLVED, That the Advisory Panel shall have 12 voting
14 members, as follows: 3 members of the Senate appointed by the
15 President of the Senate, 3 members of the Senate appointed by
16 the Senate Minority Leader, 3 members of the House of
17 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives, and 3 members of the House of Representatives
19 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
20 Representatives; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Governor, or his or her designee, shall
22 serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Advisory
23 Panel; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That one member from each political party shall
2 be selected by the Advisory Panel members to serve as a
3 co-chairperson; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Advisory Panel shall meet at the call of
5 the co-chairpersons and that the members shall serve without
6 compensation; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That all actions of the Advisory Panel require
8 the affirmative vote of at least 7 voting members; and be it
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10 RESOLVED, That the Governor's Office of Executive
11 Appointments shall provide staff support to the Advisory Panel;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 delivered to the Governor of the State of Illinois.