

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE AUNE.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

2       **WHEREAS**, ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state is one  
3 of the most important duties of the Missouri state government; and

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5       **WHEREAS**, gun violence is a national epidemic; and

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7       **WHEREAS**, Missouri has the eighth-highest gun-violence rate in the United States;  
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10       **WHEREAS**, on February 14, 2024, there was a mass shooting in Kansas City at the  
11 Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl rally, killing one person and wounding twenty-two others;  
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14       **WHEREAS**, on October 24, 2022, there was a mass shooting at Central Visual and  
15 Performing Arts High School in St. Louis, killing three, including the perpetrator, and  
16 wounding seven; and

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18       **WHEREAS**, from 2014 through 2021, there have been 9,891 firearm-related deaths  
19 in Missouri; and

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21       **WHEREAS**, gun violence touches every single county in Missouri and communities  
22 deserve solutions; and

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24       **WHEREAS**, other states have enacted various laws to address gun violence, and  
25 these different approaches provide an opportunity to examine which laws successfully reduce  
26 gun violence; and

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27           **WHEREAS**, it is crucial to determine whether Missouri's gun laws are working  
28 effectively and whether additional legislative action would be beneficial:

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30           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
31 Representatives of the One Hundred Second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the  
32 Senate concurring therein, hereby establish the "Joint Committee on Gun Violence and  
33 Legislation"; and

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35           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the mission of the Joint Committee on Gun  
36 Violence and Legislation is to:

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38           (1) Review gun laws currently in effect in Missouri;

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40           (2) Consult with and hear testimony of gun-law experts and community members with  
41 experience relating to gun laws;

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43           (3) Study and discuss gun laws in other states;

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45           (4) Discuss and determine whether new gun laws would reduce gun violence in  
46 Missouri; and

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48           (5) Develop recommendations for the General Assembly on possible legislative action  
49 regarding gun laws; and

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51           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee on Gun Violence and  
52 Legislation shall consist of the following members:

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54           (1) Four members of the majority party of the House of Representatives, appointed by  
55 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

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57           (2) Four members of the minority party of the House of Representatives, appointed by  
58 the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

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60           (3) Four members of the majority party of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro  
61 Tempore of the Senate; and

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63 (4) Four members of the minority party of the Senate, appointed by the minority  
64 leader of the Senate; and

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66 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the staffs of House Research, Senate Research,  
67 and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical,  
68 technical, and bill drafting services as the Joint Committee on Gun Violence and Legislation  
69 may require in the performance of its duties; and

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71 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee on Gun Violence and  
72 Legislation, its members, and any staff assigned to the Joint Committee shall receive  
73 reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Joint  
74 Committee or any subcommittee thereof; and

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76 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee shall meet within two  
77 months of the adoption of this resolution; and

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79 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee shall report a summary of  
80 its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the General Assembly before  
81 January 1, 2025; and

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83 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee is authorized to function  
84 during the legislative interim of the second regular session of the One Hundred Second  
85 General Assembly, as authorized by State v. Atterbury, 300 S.W.2d 806 (Mo. 1957); and

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87 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee shall terminate on January  
88 1, 2025; and

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90 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
91 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
92 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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