

1                                   **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72**

2            (By Delegates E. Nelson, Ambler, Andes, Butler, Canterbury,  
3            Ellington, Evans, D., Gearheart, Hartman, Householder, Lane,  
4            McCuskey, Miller, Raines, Sobonya, Storch and Sumner)

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8    Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the  
9            impact of consolidating certain constitutional offices,  
10           including the Treasurer and Auditor.

11           WHEREAS, The State of West Virginia has, in addition to the  
12           Governor, five additional elected offices in its Board of Public  
13           Works; and

14           WHEREAS, These offices were established many years ago and the  
15           need for and scope of the powers and duties of such offices merits  
16           review on a periodic basis; and

17           WHEREAS, Significant savings to the citizenry may be realized  
18           from combining or reassigning the powers and duties of these  
19           offices and, in some cases, possibly by consolidating the offices  
20           themselves; and

21           WHEREAS, It behooves this body to act in every expedient manner  
22           to save the taxpayer moneys which would otherwise be better  
23           expended; therefore, be it

24           *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1           That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the  
2 impact of combining the offices of Treasurer and Auditor into a  
3 single elected office, the savings to be realized by this and  
4 issues arising from it; and, be it

5           *Further Resolved*, That the committee consider the impact of  
6 eliminating the offices of Treasurer and Auditor and providing the  
7 services currently provided by these offices by other agencies of  
8 the executive branch; and, be it

9           *Further Resolved*, That the committee consider the impact of  
10 eliminating the office of Auditor and replacing it with a  
11 legislative audit office under joint control of a committee  
12 comprised of equal numbers of members of each political party in  
13 the Legislature and of equal numbers from each house of the  
14 Legislature; and, be it

15           *Further Resolved*, That the committee consider all information  
16 or documentation as the committee requests in order to achieve the  
17 goals of this resolution; and, be it

18           *Further Resolved*, That the Committee report to the regular  
19 session of the Legislature, 2014, on its findings, conclusions and  
20 recommendations, together with drafts of any legislation necessary  
21 to effectuate its recommendations; and, be it

22           *Further Resolved*, That the expenses necessary to conduct this  
23 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be  
24 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on

1 Government and Finance.