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Legislation Text

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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION rescinding Resolution 12794 which authorized the State Auditor to audit aspects of the Jackson County Detention Center, requesting the County Executive to terminate the contracts with KMPG Peat Marwick for audits in connection with the Jackson County Detention Center Project, and authorizing the County Executive to retain another "Big 5" accounting firm to perform such audits.
RESOLUTION # 12830, August 2, 1999

INTRODUCED BY Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, and Bob Spence,
County Legislators

WHEREAS, by Resolution 12794, dated June 25, 1999, the Legislature did direct the Legislative Auditor to conduct an audit of the financial transactions and accounts relating to the Jackson County Detention Center Annex Project; and,

WHEREAS, by that same Resolution the Legislature requested the State Auditor to render such assistance in this audit as she deems appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Resolution 12794, the Legislative Auditor has undertaken this audit, with the assistance of the State Auditor's staff although a contract with the State Auditor's office for its services has not been finalized; and,

WHEREAS, since that time the County Executive has announced that, due to her concerns about the timeliness and lack of impartiality of the State Auditor as directed by the Legislature, she has engaged the firm of KMPG Peat Marwick to conduct a separate audit relating to the same matters; and,

WHEREAS, due to Peat Marwick's status as the County's retained independent auditor for the County's annual audit, some members of the Legislature have expressed concerns about that firm's impartiality as well; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature now believes that the parallel audits now being performed are a duplicative effort and may not be in the best interests of the citizens of Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature still believes it is appropriate that the Detention Center Annex Project be audited, but now desires that an independent "Big 5" accounting firm, mutually agreed upon by the Legislature and County Executive, be engaged for this audit; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that Resolution 12794, dated June 25, 1999, be and hereby is rescinded; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive be and hereby is requested to immediately terminate the contracts with KMPG Peat Marwick for the audits of the Detention Center Project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the Legislature that KMPG Peat Marwick and the Missouri State Auditor's Office be fully compensated for their work done on the audits in question prior to the adoption of this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive is authorized to retain a "Big 5" accounting firm, agreeable to the Legislature to audit all financial transactions and accounts relating to the management and construction of the Jackson County Detention Center Annex Project.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #12830 of August 2, 1999, was duly passed on _____, 1999 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas

Nays

Abstaining

Absent

Date

Mary Jo Brogato, Clerk of Legislature