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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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Report of the Legislative Auditor *to the* **Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

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CHAPTER 1667, STATUTES OF 1951

An act to add Article 7, comprising Sections 9140 to 9143, to Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 2, Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to legislative committees.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 7 is added to Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 2, Title 2 of the Government Code, to read as follows:

Article 7. Joint Legislative Budget Committee

9140. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee is hereby created. The committee shall ascertain facts and make recommendations to the Legislature and to the houses thereof concerning the State Budget, the revenues and expenditures of the State, the organization and functions of the State, its departments, subdivisions and agencies, and such other matters as may be provided for in the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly. The committee has a continuing existence and may meet, act and conduct its business at any place within this State, during the sessions of the Legislature or any recess thereof, and in the interim period between sessions.

9141. The committee shall consist of five Members of the Senate and five Members of the Assembly who shall be selected in the manner provided for in the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly. The committee shall elect its own chairman. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the committee between general sessions of the Legislature shall be filled in the manner provided for in the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly. A vacancy shall be deemed to exist as to any member of the committee whose term is expiring whenever such member is not re-elected at the general election.

9142. The committee is authorized to make rules governing its own proceedings and to create subcommittees from its membership and assign to such subcommittees any study, inquiry, investigation, or hearing which the committee itself has authority to undertake or hold. The provisions of Rule 36 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly relating to investigating committees shall apply to the committee and it shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities as the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly shall from time to time prescribe, and all the powers conferred upon committees by Section 37, Article IV, of the Constitution.

9143. The committee shall have authority to appoint a legislative auditor and such other clerical and technical employees as may appear necessary, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 4, Article XXIV of the Constitution. The funds for the support of the committee shall be provided from the Contingent Funds of the Senate and the Assembly in the same manner that such funds are made available to other joint committees of the Legislature.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

STATE CAPITOL
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, February 1, 1955

THE HONORABLE BEN HULSE, *Chairman*
and Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
State Capitol, Sacramento, California

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1667, Statutes of 1951, and Joint Rule No. 37 of the Senate and Assembly creating the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, defining the duties of the committee and giving it authority to employ a Legislative Auditor, I submit an analysis of the Budget Bill of the State of California for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1955, to June 30, 1956.

The duty of the committee in this respect is set forth in Joint Rule No. 37 as follows:

“It shall be the duty of the committee to ascertain facts and make recommendations to the Legislature and to the houses thereof concerning the State Budget, the revenues and expenditures of the State, and of the organization and functions of the State, its departments, subdivisions and agencies, with a view of reducing the cost of the State Government, and securing greater efficiency and economy.”

The preparation of this report in the limited time available has been made possible only through the excellent cooperation which has been shown to the staff of the committee by the Department of Finance and other state agencies. For this assistance and the diligence of the committee's own staff I should like to express my personal appreciation and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

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Legislative Auditor