

July 5, 1961

No 64

Honorable George H. Morgan
Representative, 8th District
Jackson County
House of Representatives
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Under date of April 6, 1961, you requested an opinion of this office relating to House Bill No. 696.

On April 27, 1961, by letter prepared by my assistant, Joseph Nessenfeld, we wrote you stating our tentative views concerning the questions presented. Further study of the matter has fortified the opinion expressed in our letter and we adhere to the views therein expressed.

It is therefore the opinion of this office:

(1) That House Bill No. 696, if enacted into law, would be valid and constitutional, and that by statute the general assembly may create an interim committee and confer power upon such committee to issue process and enforce compliance therewith by contempt proceedings; and

(2) That under House Bill No. 696 as drafted, the chairman of the committee would have the right to issue subpoenas, but only with respect to witnesses designated by the committee.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS F. EAGLETON
Attorney General

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