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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72

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*Requesting the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to conduct a study that determines whether the electronic contracting and procurement process will satisfy the statutory and regulatory requirements regarding public procurement.*

Patrons—Ticer, Byrne, Couric, Edwards, Howell, Maxwell, Puckett, Reynolds and Whipple; Delegates: Bennett, Diamonstein, May, Nixon, Plum and Purkey

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, electronic commerce is the fastest growing segment of the United States economy; and  
WHEREAS, electronic contracting and electronic procurement processes may eliminate unnecessary steps and save resources, thereby reducing the average cost of purchase processing by about 50 percent and administrative time by about 70 percent; and

WHEREAS, electronic contracting and electronic procurement processes may allow the Commonwealth to leverage its buying power, thus obtaining better prices and material cost savings; and

WHEREAS, electronic contracting and electronic procurement processes may facilitate better management decisions through real-time information and increase visibility of what is purchased, thus revealing how and where the Commonwealth spends its procurement dollars, which annually total about \$5 billion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, in consultation with the Virginia Department of General Services, be requested to study whether the statutory and regulatory requirements of the State Internal Auditor and the Auditor of Public Accounts will be satisfied through the electronic contracting and electronic procurement processes that are envisioned for the Commonwealth and identify any barriers or obstacles which may prevent the implementation of electronic contracting and electronic procurement processes that are envisioned for the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That all agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission of this study, upon request, and the Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2001 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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