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2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY SENATOR CARTER

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VOTERS/VOTING. Creates a task force to study ways to increase early voting in Louisiana with an emphasis on rural communities.

A RESOLUTION

2	To create and provide for the Task Force on Early Voting.
3	WHEREAS, the right to vote is a fundamental component of a democratic society;
4	and
5	WHEREAS, every effort should be made to honor the sacrifices of prior generations
6	by ensuring the right to vote is afforded to all citizens; and
7	WHEREAS, early voting provides a valuable opportunity for more citizens to
8	exercise their right to vote, particularly those in rural communities; and
9	WHEREAS, greater civic participation provides for greater opportunities for
10	representation of all the people of Louisiana; and
11	WHEREAS, examination of methods by which to facilitate an increase in early
12	voting is vital to ensuring more citizens are able to perform their civic duty and make their
13	voices heard.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
15	does hereby create the Task Force on Early Voting to study ways to increase early voting in
16	Louisiana, and to propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation,
17	by written report to the Senate and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as
18	required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than March 1, 2023.

1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should give consideration to the
2	costs, voting locations, and the logistical and administrative challenges associated with early
3	voting and develop pragmatic and equitable solutions to facilitate an increase in early voter
4	turnout.
5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following
6	members:
7	(1) The secretary of state, or his designee.
8	(2) The commissioner of elections, or his designee.
9	(3) A member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate.
10	(4) The chairman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, or his
11	designee.
12	(5) The president of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association, or his designee.
13	(6) A member of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association from a parish that
14	does not contain a municipality with a population of 45,000 or more people according to the
15	2020 federal decennial census, appointed by the president of the board of directors of the
16	Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.
17	(7) A member of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association from a parish that
18	contains a municipality with a population of 45,000 or more people according to the 2020
19	federal decennial census, appointed by the president of the board of directors of the
20	Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.
21	(8) A member of the Louisiana Municipal Association from a parish that does not
22	contain a municipality with a population of 45,000 or more people according to the 2020
23	federal decennial census, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association.
24	(9) A member of the Louisiana Municipal Association from a parish that contains a
25	municipality with a population of 45,000 or more people according to the 2020 federal
26	decennial census, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association.
27	(10) A member of the Louisiana Police Jury Association, appointed by the president
28	of the Louisiana Police Jury Association.
29	BE IT FURTHER resolved that the task force shall consult with and receive
30	information from the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs and the Power Coalition for

Equity and Justice.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each appointing authority shall submit the name of the authority's appointee to the task force to the chairman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee no later than August 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall convene for its first meeting no later than September 1, 2022, at the call of the president of the Senate, or his designee, and at the first meeting, the members shall elect a chairman and other officers as the task force may deem appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the task force shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of state's office shall provide staff support and assist the task force in carrying out its duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on the date of the submission of its report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of state, the commissioner of elections, the executive director of the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs, the president of the Power Coalition for Equity and Justice, the president of the board of directors of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association, the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association, and the president of the Louisiana Police Jury Association.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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Creates a task force to study the expansion of early voting with an emphasis on rural communities.

Provides that the task force shall be composed of the following:

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- (1) The secretary of state, or his designee.
- (2) The commissioner of elections, or his designee.
- (3) A member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (4) The chairman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association, or his designee.
- (6) A member of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association from a rural parish, appointed by the president of the board of directors of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.
- (7) A member of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association from an urban parish, appointed by the president of the board of directors of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.
- (8) A member of the Louisiana Municipal Association from a rural parish, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association.
- (9) A member of the Louisiana Municipal Association from an urban parish, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association.
- (10) A member of the Louisiana Police Jury Association, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Police Jury Association.

The names of the members of the task force must be submitted to the chairman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee no later than August 1, 2022.

The task force must hold its first organizational meeting no later than September 1, 2022, and the task force should elect any other officers as it finds necessary.