

1 WHEREAS, the multitude of Louisiana's constant and decentralized elections comes
2 at great expense to taxpayers; and

3 WHEREAS, every election is important, and the vote of every eligible Louisiana
4 voter is entitled to its unique, intrinsic, and equal weight in the maintenance of our
5 democracy; and

6 WHEREAS, the state has an obligation to ensure elections are administered with the
7 most efficient and effective methods to deliver the most reliable and representative results.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 establish the Election Reform Task Force to study reforms related to the process of
10 redistricting and methods of elections, including but not limited to alternative methods of
11 redistricting including the election or appointment of independent or bipartisan
12 commissions; processes to support community engagement and ensure maps reflect
13 Louisiana's historic communities of interest; structural reforms related to the methods of
14 conducting primaries and general elections; and the consolidation or streamlining of
15 Louisiana's elections.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the primary objective of the task force is to
17 deliberate all applicable facts, circumstances, policies, and procedures that contribute to
18 inefficiencies, excess spending, and results not reflective of the best interest of Louisiana
19 voters in the process of redistricting and methods of conducting elections.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall be as
21 follows:

22 (1) The chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs or
23 his designee.

24 (2) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs or
25 his designee.

26 (3) The chairman of the Legislative Democratic Caucus or his designee.

27 (4) The chairman of the Legislative Republican Caucus or his designee.

28 (5) The chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus or his designee.

29 (6) The Louisiana secretary of state or his designee.

30 (7) The president of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association or his designee.

- 1 (8) The president of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association or his designee.
- 2 (9) The president of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or his designee.
- 3 (10) The president of the Louisiana Municipal Association or his designee.
- 4 (11) The president of the Louisiana District Judges Association or his designee.
- 5 (12) The president of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association or his designee.
- 6 (13) The president of the Louisiana School Boards Association or his designee.
- 7 (14) The president of Power Coalition for Equity and Justice or his designee.
- 8 (15) The president of the Louisiana State Conference of the NAACP or his designee.
- 9 (16) The president of the League of Women Voters of Louisiana or her designee.
- 10 (17) The executive director of Voice of the Experienced or his designee.
- 11 (18) The president of the Pelican Institute for Public Policy or his designee.
- 12 (19) The president of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana or his
13 designee.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be co-chaired by the
15 chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the chairman
16 of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, and the staffs of those
17 committees or other appropriate legislative staff shall staff the task force.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
19 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be
20 individually entitled from their respective organizations.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
22 constitute a quorum of the task force and that any official action by the task force shall
23 require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may conduct meetings at times
25 as it may determine are necessary or convenient to enable it to timely perform its duties;
26 however, the co-chairs shall convene the first meeting no later than March 11, 2024, and the
27 committee shall meet no less than five times.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Election Reform Task Force shall submit a
29 written report of the task force findings and recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana
30 no later than February 14, 2025.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each
2 member of the established task force.

DIGEST

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Establishes a task force to study reforms to La.'s process of redistricting and methods of elections to promote efficiency and ensure eligible La. voters can effectively participate in the political process and to submit a written report of the task force findings and recommendations to the Legislature of La. no later than Feb. 14, 2025.