

1 WHEREAS, the law provides that each registrar shall automatically receive an
2 annual salary increase to the next step on July first until his annual salary equals the highest
3 step of the appropriate population range; and

4 WHEREAS, each registrar whose salary is at the level of step one or higher is
5 evaluated as to merit in January, and upon a finding of "excellent" on the merit evaluation,
6 the registrar receives an additional salary increase to the next step until the registrar's salary
7 is equal to the highest step of the appropriate population range; and

8 WHEREAS, the law provides that the criteria and procedure for the merit evaluation
9 shall be determined by the secretary of state in conjunction with the Registrar of Voters
10 Association; and

11 WHEREAS, the Election Code also provides for a seven percent raise in the
12 registrar's salary if the registrar satisfies the requirements for the voter registration
13 administrator's certification program; and

14 WHEREAS, in light of concerns expressed recently regarding a number of issues
15 involving registrars of voters and in light of the importance of the voter registration process,
16 it is desirable to examine the compensation, evaluation, appointment, and placement within
17 the structure of government of registrars of voters.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a subcommittee of the House Committee on
20 House and Governmental Affairs to examine and study the compensation, evaluation,
21 appointment, and placement within the structure of government of registrars of voters and
22 any related issues that the subcommittee deems appropriate.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on House
24 and Governmental Affairs shall appoint the members of the subcommittee and designate the
25 chairman and vice chairman of the subcommittee.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall be responsible for
27 examining all matters relating to the compensation, evaluation, appointment, and placement
28 within the structure of government of registrars of voters and any related issues that the
29 subcommittee deems appropriate.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall make such studies as it
2 shall find necessary or appropriate to carry out its purposes; for the purposes of conducting
3 such studies, the subcommittee may call upon the staffs of any department, agency, or
4 official of the state for data and assistance; all such departments, agencies, and officials shall
5 cooperate with the subcommittee; and the subcommittee may request and utilize the
6 assistance of any and all public and private sources.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall solicit input,
8 recommendations, and advice from the following:

- 9 (1) The secretary of state.
- 10 (2) The commissioner of elections.
- 11 (3) The attorney general.
- 12 (4) The Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.
- 13 (5) The Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.
- 14 (6) The Police Jury Association of Louisiana.
- 15 (7) The Department of State Civil Service.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall have the power and
17 authority of a standing committee to hold hearings, require the production of books and
18 records, and do all other things necessary to discharge its duties and responsibilities.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall make a report of its
20 findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the House Committee on
21 House and Governmental Affairs no later than thirty days prior to the 2016 Regular Session.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall be dissolved upon the
23 adjournment sine die of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Requires the special subcommittee to make a report of its findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the committee no later than 30 days prior to the 2016 R.S.

Provides that the special subcommittee is dissolved upon the adjournment sine die of the 2016 R.S.