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2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN

VOTERS/VOTING: Provides for a study of voting using a mobile voting system

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To authorize and request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the
3	Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a
4	joint committee to study the use of mobile voting systems and to report its findings
5	to the legislature.
6	WHEREAS, elections are a fundamental part of federal, state, and local government;
7	they allow citizens to exercise their right to vote and thereby to have input into how their
8	country, state, and community are governed; and
9	WHEREAS, voting is therefore a civic duty of paramount importance; and
10	WHEREAS, despite the importance of voting, it was reported following the
11	gubernatorial primary in 2015 that the number of people casting a vote has declined in every
12	successive gubernatorial election since 1983; and
13	WHEREAS, it is appropriate to constantly examine our system of elections to
14	determine how it might be improved; and
15	WHEREAS, one area that should be examined is increasing the number of places
16	where a person can cast a vote which would make the process more convenient; and
17	WHEREAS, mobile voting systems could be used to allow for this while maintaining
18	the integrity of the election process; and
19	WHEREAS, such systems, for example, could be moved to different locations like
20	large retail establishments to allow people to vote during early voting; and

1 WHEREAS, such systems could take advantage of improvements in technology to 2 increase voter turnout. 3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 4 authorize and request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the 5 Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint 6 committee to study the use of mobile voting systems. 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall solicit input, 8 recommendations, and advice from the following: 9 **(1)** The secretary of state. 10 (2) The commissioner of elections. 11 The attorney general. (3) 12 The Louisiana Clerks of Court Association. (4) The Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association. 13 (5) 14 The Police Jury Association of Louisiana. (6) 15 Each recognized political party. (7) 16 (8) The Advocacy Center. 17 (9) The League of Women Voters. The U.S. Election Assistance Commission. 18 (10)19 The National Association of Secretaries of State. (11)20 The National Conference of State Legislatures. (12)21 The Council of State Governments. (13)22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall report its findings to 23 the legislature prior to the convening of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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