

Senior Task Force on Fraud Prevention

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study the occurrence and effect of fraud committed against elderly persons in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, as technology and automation evolves, a growing fraud industry is stealing billions from consumers each year; and

WHEREAS, over eighty-four thousand Louisianans were victims of fraud and scams resulting in eighty-nine million four hundred thousand dollars in losses in 2024; and

WHEREAS, every two seconds, a Louisianan becomes a victim of identity theft, exemplifying the urgent and pervasive nature of this crime; and

WHEREAS, older adults are often prime targets for scammers due to factors such as accumulated savings, limited familiarity with digital technology, and increased social isolation, which can heighten their vulnerability to financial exploitation and identity theft; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent AARP Fraud Watch Network report, over one hundred forty-one million adults, representing forty-two percent of the United States population, have had money or sensitive information stolen through fraud; and

WHEREAS, data from the Federal Trade Commission indicates that while younger adults aged twenty to twenty-nine report losing money to fraud in forty-four percent of cases, older adults aged seventy to seventy-nine report financial losses in only twenty-four percent of cases, and those aged eighty and older experience the highest median losses of any age group; and

WHEREAS, although older adults may report fraud less frequently than younger individuals, the financial impact of these crimes is often far more devastating for seniors, with significantly higher median losses among those aged seventy and above.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize this growing issue affecting Louisianans and establishes the Senior Task Force on Fraud Prevention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force shall submit a written report of findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Louisiana legislature, the office of the governor, and the office of the attorney general no later than February 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of ten members as follows:

- (1) The governor or his designee.
- (2) The attorney general or her designee.
- (3) The director of AARP Louisiana or his designee.
- (4) The AARP director of fraud prevention or his designee.
- (5) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association or his designee.
- (6) One designee appointed by the Better Business Bureau of South Central Louisiana.
- (7) One designee appointed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Investigation Division.
- (8) One designee appointed by the United States Attorney's Office, Middle District of Louisiana.
- (9) The commissioner of the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions or his designee.
- (10) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall review existing practices in Louisiana and the national landscape in terms of responses in other states to this growing issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall determine the economic and human impact of fraud in this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members shall serve without compensation except for per diem or expenses to which they may be entitled as members of their organizations.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AARP of Louisiana shall call an organizational meeting of the task force by August 1, 2025, at which the task force shall elect a chairman and any other officers deemed necessary from among the membership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the attorney general of Louisiana shall provide staff support to the task force if needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force established pursuant to this Resolution shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library in accordance with R.S. 24:772 and to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER AND CHASSION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To continue the Senior Task Force on Fraud Prevention created in the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 53 to study the occurrence and effect of fraud committed against elderly persons in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, as technology and automation evolves, a growing fraud industry is stealing billions from consumers each year; and

WHEREAS, over eighty-four thousand Louisianans were victims of fraud and scams resulting in eighty-nine million four hundred thousand dollars in losses in 2024; and

WHEREAS, every two seconds, a Louisianan becomes a victim of identity theft, highlighting the urgent and pervasive nature of this crime; and

WHEREAS, older adults are often prime targets for scammers due to factors such as accumulated savings, limited familiarity with digital technology, and increased social isolation, which can heighten their vulnerability to financial exploitation and identity theft; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent AARP Fraud Watch Network report, over one hundred forty-one million adults, representing forty-two percent of the United States population, have had money or sensitive information stolen through fraud; and

WHEREAS, data from the Federal Trade Commission indicates that while younger adults aged twenty to twenty-nine report losing money to fraud in forty-four percent of cases, older adults aged seventy to seventy-nine report financial losses in twenty-four percent of cases, and those aged eighty and older experience the highest median losses of any age group; and

WHEREAS, although older adults may report fraud less frequently than younger individuals, the financial impact of these crimes is often far more devastating for seniors, with significantly higher median losses among those aged seventy and above.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby continue the Senior Task Force on Fraud Prevention, and may propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation. Any recommendations or proposals shall be submitted by written report to the legislature and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, with the following exceptions, the membership and duties of the task force shall continue as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 53 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall also include all of the following:

(1) One designee appointed by the United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Louisiana.

(2) One designee appointed by the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Louisiana.

(3) One designee appointed by the Louisiana Bankers Association.

(4) The executive director of the office of elderly affairs in the office of the governor or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the names of designees to the task force to the office of attorney general no later than July 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene for its first meeting no later than August 1, 2026, at the call of AARP of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives or applicable Joint Rules shall apply to all meetings of the task force.

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 meetings of the task force shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and records of the task force shall be subject to the Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Louisiana legislature, the office of the governor, and the office of the attorney general no later than February 1, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate following the conclusion of its business or February 1, 2027, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the governor, the attorney general, the director of AARP Louisiana, the executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the president of the Better Business Bureau of South Central Louisiana, the special agent in charge of the New Orleans field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, the commissioner of the office of financial institutions, the executive director of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the chairman of the Louisiana Bankers Association, and the executive director of the office of elderly affairs.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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