



Proposed law provides for the powers and functions of the task force. Provides that the task force shall do the following:

- (1) Receive the data required by proposed law on the racial make-up of jury pools and juries.
- (2) Evaluate the data to determine if potential jurors are more likely to be struck depending on their race.
- (3) Evaluate the data to determine if there is a statistically significant difference among juror voting based on race.
- (4) Share findings with all appropriate public entities and civic organizations.
- (5) Report to the legislature its recommendations for necessary policy changes.
- (6) Take any action it deems appropriate and beneficial to achieving its purpose.

Proposed law requires jury commissions, district attorneys, and clerks of court to submit racial demographic information of jury pools, juries, jury voting, and defendants. Requires data to be submitted in a format that does specifically identify any particular juror.

Proposed law requires the legislative auditor to issue subpoenas if the demographic information required by proposed law is not submitted to the task force timely.

Proposed law terminates the task force on July 1, 2021.

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